

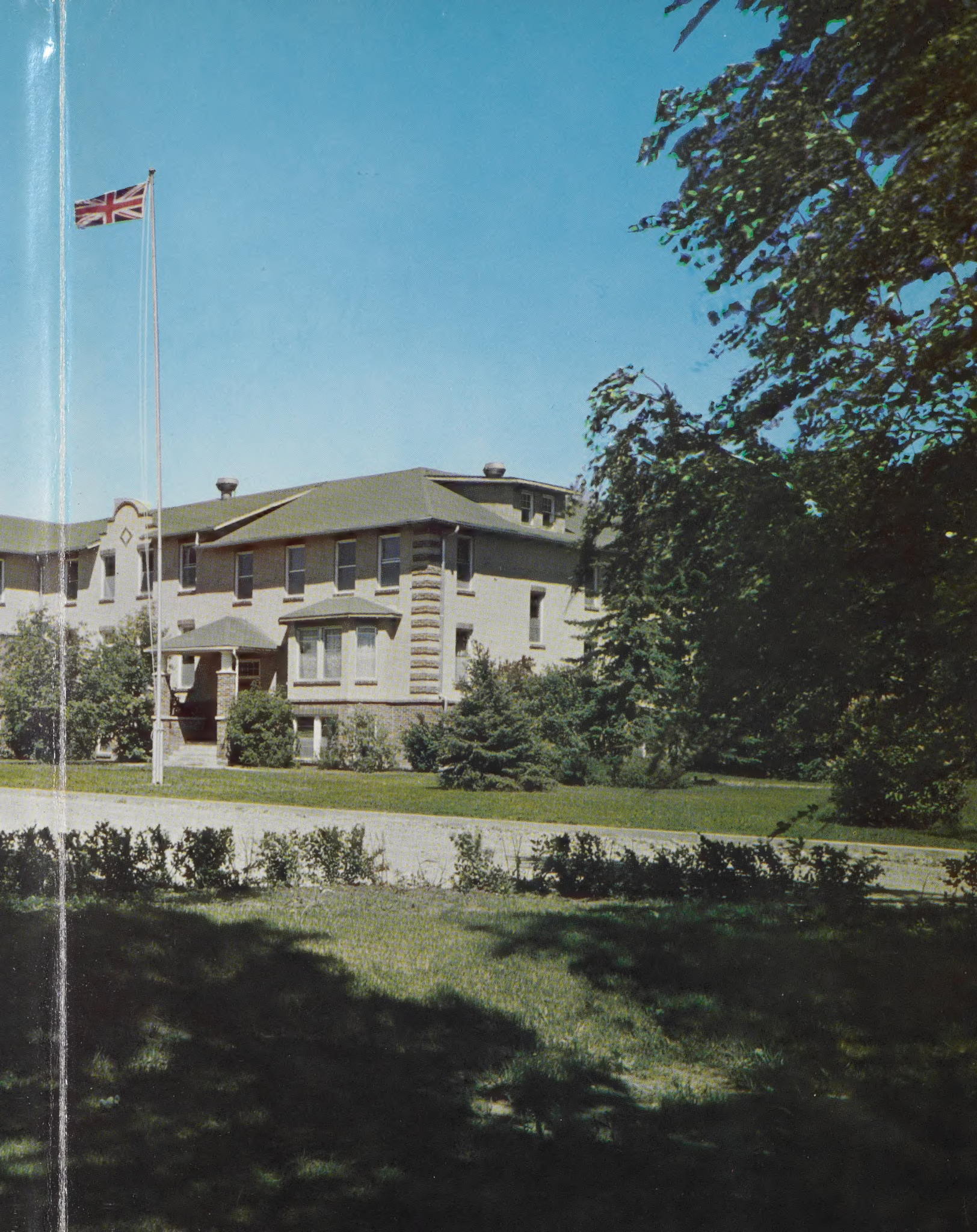


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# 50 Golden Years







## Congratulations

By Hon. E.C. Manning

It is indeed a pleasure to bring our very sincere congratulations to the Olds School of Agriculture and Home Economics on the occasion of this, its fiftieth birthday. We note from the record that just over eighty-two hundred students have attended Olds since it opened in the fall of 1913. The impact which these students have made on the development of agriculture and rural living in Alberta over the years has been incalculable. We feel that the investment in their education has been sound and has paid the province rich dividends. It is our belief that this important influence will continue and will grow in the changing years ahead.

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In the early 1900's, farms in Alberta were considerably smaller on the average and farmers were much more self-sufficient than they are today. The total farm area has increased but the number of farmers has decreased. Many farms are now capitalized in excess of two hundred thousand dollars. Between 1941 and 1958 the value of farm machinery and equipment in the province rose from just over one hundred million to over four hundred million dollars. Farming in Alberta is changing rapidly.

Under these conditions we need hardly point out the increased emphasis that must be given to vocational training in agriculture. While education in itself will give no absolute guarantee of success, obviously the laurels are far more likely to go to the person who has done everything possible to prepare himself for the job.

For the farmer of today there is far more that he needs to know about livestock, crops, machinery and business principles, than was the case half a century ago. While many agencies are involved in preparing young people for farm life, we are confident that the Olds School will continue to play a vital role in this process.

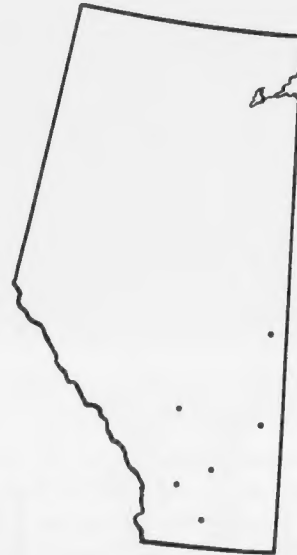
May we congratulate you on your past performance and wish you increasing success in the future.





Duncan Marshall  
Minister of Agriculture  
1911-1920

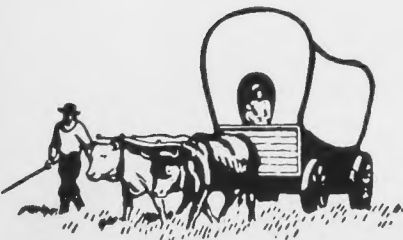
A Quotation by the  
Hon. Duncan Marshall  
from the O.S.A. Magazine  
Published March 1914



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GLEICHEN  
RAYMOND



"At the close of this, the first term in the Schools of Agriculture of the Province of Alberta, it is very gratifying to the Department of Agriculture, and to everyone connected with the promotion and establishment of these schools, to have seen them achieve the success and popularity among the farmers' sons and daughters that they have attained during the first year of their existence. This system of agricultural education was designed to meet what the Department considers an important requirement of the farmers' boys and girls in the province, the idea being to offer educational opportunities to those who, in the past, have been largely denied them."





## Greetings From Hon. Harry E. Strom



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Hon. Harry E. Strom  
Minister of Agriculture  
1963-

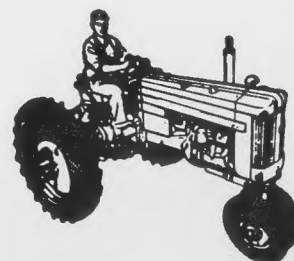
In this Golden Anniversary Year of the Olds School of Agriculture, it is a rare privilege for me to bring warmest greetings to the many students who have attended and the staff who have worked so effectively at Olds over the past half century. Fifty years is a long time in the life of an individual and in the life of a school. To survive for this period, an institution must be soundly conceived and soundly administered to stand the inevitable stresses and strains which will surely be its lot.

Although newly arrived in my present position, I am no stranger to agriculture and its problems. It is my conviction that now, more than ever, we need young men trained not only in agriculture but in the increasingly complex business of living in a rural situation.

To me, the Schools of Agriculture are admirably fitted to perform this important work.

As I travel about the province, I am constantly meeting graduates of the Olds School. I am convinced they have made and are making a tremendous contribution not only to agriculture but as homemakers and citizens throughout rural Alberta.

In this very significant year may I say to all of you, 'well done' and express hope that the next fifty years will see as great or greater achievement.







## The Founding

### The Events That Went Before

How did Alberta's Schools of Agriculture get their start? Hon. Duncan Marshall is given a great deal of well deserved credit but others played important roles.


The Schools grew out of a recognition that while many of Alberta's farmers had farm experience, many had not, and that experience in other parts of Canada or the world did not always equip a person to farm in Alberta. Limited educational facilities in rural areas was another factor and a third was a recognition by the Department of Agriculture and the President of the new University of Alberta that if a faculty of Agriculture was to be established and prosper, a diploma program was needed to serve as a feeder.

An initial step was a visit by Dr. H. M. Tory, President of the University of Alberta to the Scandinavian countries where he made a study of Folk and Agricultural schools. It seems that he did not find a program exactly suited to Alberta needs but out of the ideas gathered there by him and in Eastern Canada and the U.S. by others, a plan was developed.

Mr. Geo. Harcourt, Deputy Minister of Agriculture at that time related in later years that, on a trip to the U.S. with Hon. Duncan Marshall, Dr. Tory "sold" his idea. Others, well acquainted with the situation, question the need to "sell" Mr. Marshall on the basis that he deserves most of the credit for the idea but, had an able collaborator in Dr. Tory. Being a man of enthusiasm, ambition and drive, Mr. Marshall became a promoter of Schools of Agriculture to the extent that three schools opened in 1913 and by 1920 there were six.

In the annual report of the Department of Agriculture in 1912 the Superintendent of Demonstration Farms refers to the establishment of six farms. Their locations were Olds, Medicine Hat, Claresholm, Sedgewick, Vermilion and Stony Plain. He also refers to a two-fold object — to demonstrate practical farming and to make these farms the basis for Schools of Agriculture. He also refers to the intention that a diploma from one of the proposed schools would entitle a student to enter a college of agriculture to be established later.

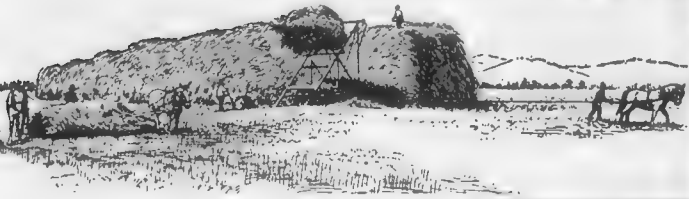
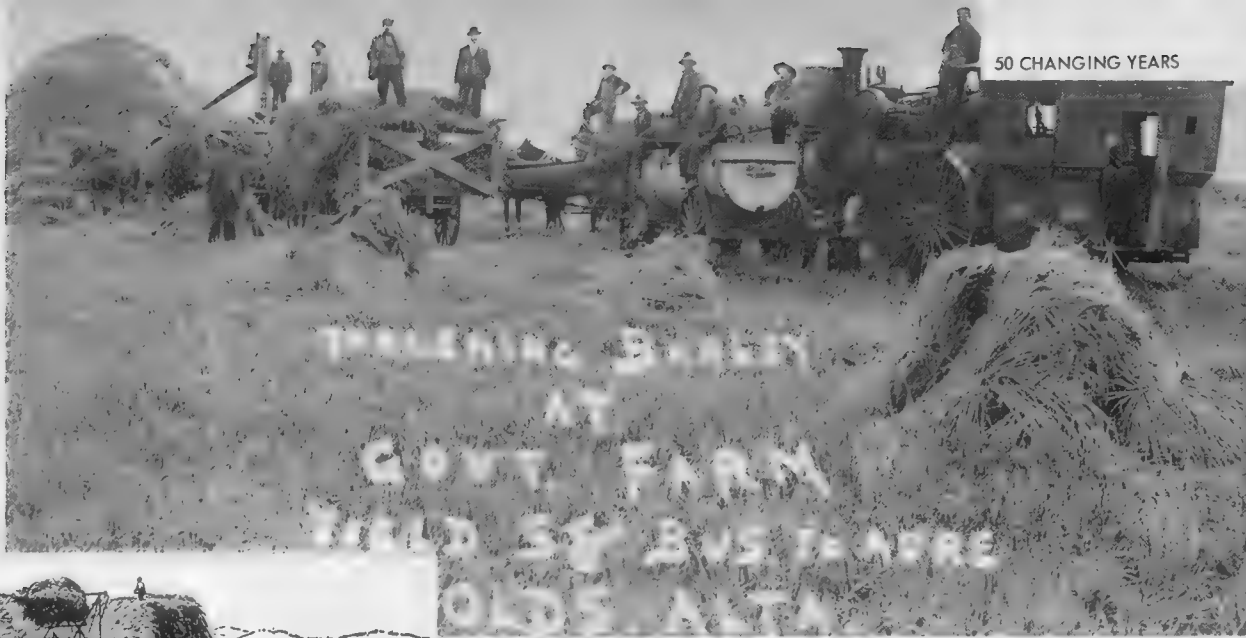
It is significant that all early reports emphasize a "practical" program and articulation with the College of Agriculture. A complete course in Household Science is also emphasized.



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# The Early Years



On the day the chemistry lab was to have been used for the first time, students, staff and townspeople were shocked to learn the main building was on fire. They turned out in force and a bucket brigade was soon operating. The building was saved and the chemistry lab was again ready for use in January 1914.

Principal Elliott was certain the fire could not have been started by students smoking since smoking was strictly prohibited. It was finally traced to spontaneous combustion of oily rags placed in a drawer in the lab by workmen.

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# Campus Views

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# The O.S.A. Dormitory

by COL. E. W. CORMACK

During the winter of 1926-27 boarding accommodation in Olds was at a premium. With over two hundred students registered, not to mention the influx of seasonal staff, there just wasn't enough room to tuck everybody away, though the girls and some of the Household Science ladies were the fortunate tenants of three large houses not far from the school grounds. Classroom and laboratory space, built originally for a hundred students, was naturally inadequate for twice that number.

Mr. Frank Grisdale, the school principal, set up a committee to consider plans and come up with proposals which might in turn be presented to the Provincial Government. As I recollect the chairman was Mr. E. L. Churchill who taught academic subjects, Mr. G. R. Holeton, vice-principal and in charge of shop training and myself. We got all sorts of suggestions, some practical, some quite fantastic, from colleagues, students and well-wishers!

We learned of a grant available for the building of a library. In addition some other funds might be obtained, towards a gymnasium I believe. The committee set about drawing plans, with the idea of presenting the Government with the plan of a building, including library and gymnasium up to specifications, a couple of extra classrooms, some staff offices and two dormitory wings. By boosting up the gym we found room for a kitchen underneath and were able also to fit a dining room between the dormitory wings. However, in using every effort to hold down cost estimates, we cut out a number of items. As a result bedrooms optimistically designed for two people shrank till there was hardly room for both beds; the rotunda narrowed down so that human traffic must always keep on the move. Cupboard space was the very minimum.

We got our dormitory however and just in time as it turned out when the depression arrived in 1929. It was built very much along the lines of the plans submitted by a committee which lacked an architect but whose members were quite forceful in presenting the case for the OSA. The dormitory at Vermilion followed being completed in the summer of 1929, just a year after Olds. Some expansion in bedroom and rotunda size was allowed for in the second case.

Both these schools have turned out a lot of very fine young men and women over the last third of a century. One's personal view is that the environment and the quality of the staff can each take a great deal of the credit for this fact.



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# Dormitory Life

## Experience of a Lifetime



BACK ROW, Left to Right: Alf Jevne, Lloyd Rasmussen, Wayne Strang, Harold Block, Garth Colbreck, Bill Laing. FRONT ROW: Walter Johnston, Melvin Haynes, F. F. Parkinson, (coach), Allan Duncan, Bob Thirsk.



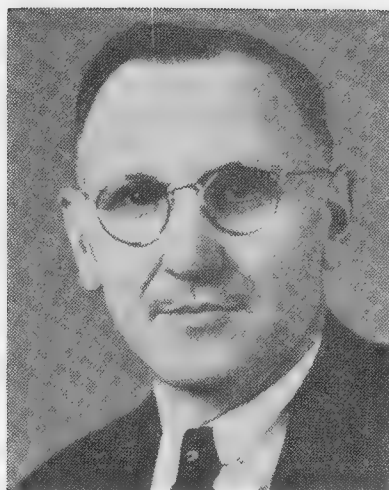
LEFT TO RIGHT: Alf. Ashcroft, Jim McKay, Wayne Strang, Marjorie Wood, Agnes McKerraw, G. R. Holetan, W. S. Benn, Marvin Henker.

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# The Role of the Alberta Schools of Agriculture During the Past

## 50 Years — DR. O. S. LONGMAN



DR. O. S. LONGMAN

Fifty years ago, the agricultural pioneers of the new province of Alberta had grown to maturity. They had reared families that were approaching years of responsibility. This generation, and its successors, were destined to determine the future and quality of Alberta agriculture.

Agriculture was then, as now, but more so; the basic industry of the province. The necessity for the application of scientific and technical knowledge to western agriculture had become evident to agricultural leaders. Experimental Farms had been established and were in operation. Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta had established, or were establishing, Universities, with facilities of Agriculture providing associate and degree courses in agriculture.

In Alberta, in 1909, there emerged on the political scene, a dynamic personality; the Honourable Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture, 1909-21. On assuming office, one of his early policies provided for the erection of Schools of Agriculture. The schools were designed and staffed to provide practical — and great emphasis was placed on the word "practical" — courses for young men and women in Agriculture and Home Economics.

Looking backward, the schools have played a unique role. They have been maintained and operated in an agricultural rural environment; they have focused their attention on the rural farm home and the younger members of the family; they have endeavoured to blend together the farm families and the soil, by emphasising the dependence of humanity, and farmers in particular, upon the land and the laws of nature, and the urgency of understanding the same.

Through the training of the mind and the hands, through discipline and close association with a sympathetic staff, there has been given to the sincere students a sense of dignity, stability, and self confidence. In such an environment the students have acquired an appreciation of the value of tolerance, gained resourcefulness and powers of leadership.

Through affiliation with the University, the schools open new horizons to the ambitious and qualified students. In professional agriculture and other professional careers through the Schools of Agriculture.

Finally, there is little doubt, that the enviable status of Alberta's present day agriculture, is in no small measure, due to the presence and leadership of the Schools of Agriculture, and their thousands of graduate students; the great majority of whom returned to the farms and the rural communities.

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1918-20



H. A. CRAIG  
1915-1917  
1921-1937



J. R. SWEENEY  
1938-1941



S. H. GANDIER  
1945-1947



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1942-1944  
1948



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1949-1955



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# Principals



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1919-1929



JAMES MURRAY  
1929-1946



F. N. MILLER  
1946-1949



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1949-1952



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1952-Present

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# School Staff Over the Years

The following is a list of the School Staff as complete as our records show.

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Miss M. M. Goldie  
Miss N. Lawson  
Mr. F. Grisdale  
Mr. G. R. Holeton  
Mr. J. Fowler  
Miss E. Murray

Mr. R. M. Scott  
Mr. E. E. Brown  
Mr. A. Blackstock  
Mrs. J. G. Taggart  
Miss Eva Wade

Miss A. I. Lammiman  
Miss F. C. West, R. N.  
Dr. W. G. Moore  
Mr. F. S. Grisdale  
Mr. R. M. Scott  
Mr. C. H. H. Sweetapple  
Mr. A. T. Kemp  
Miss D. Houston  
Miss M. A. K. Blain

Mr. F. W. Addison  
Miss M. Kocher  
Mr. E. L. Churchill  
Miss R. Clutton  
Mr. E. E. Eisenhower  
Mr. C. H. H. Sweetapple  
Mr. E. W. Cormack  
Miss M. T. Edwards  
Mr. C. E. Yauch  
Mr. F. S. Grisdale  
Mr. G. R. Holeton  
Miss E. McLean  
Mr. E. W. Phillips  
Miss A. Baly  
Mr. F. H. Budgeon  
Mr. W. S. Scarth

## 1913-'15

Mr. W. J. Elliott  
Miss N. Lawson  
Mr. Jas Fowler  
Mr. Frank Grisdale  
Mr. O. S. Longman  
Miss Laura Coates  
Mr. A. W. Foley  
Miss M. M. Goldie  
Mr. G. R. Holeton  
Miss E. Murray  
Dr. J. G. Taggart  
Miss Ada Davis  
Mr. A. V. Mitchener  
Mr. James McNally

## 1919

Mr. F. S. Grisdale  
Mr. G. B. Bodman  
Mr. R. M. Scott  
Mr. G. R. Holeton  
Mr. R. D. Sinclair  
Mr. R. J. Whitbread  
Miss M. E. Storey  
Miss Eva Wade  
Miss Olive Lawson

## 1923

Mr. F. S. Grisdale  
Mr. C. A. Weir  
Mr. G. R. Holeton  
Mr. M. W. Malyon  
Mr. J. J. Loughlin  
Mr. C. H. H. Sweetapple  
Mr. A. T. Kemp  
Miss H. S. Strauch  
Miss D. Houston  
Miss I. E. McLaughlin

## 1920

Mr. G. R. Holeton  
Miss Marion Storey  
Mr. R. M. Scott  
Miss Eva Wade  
Mr. F. S. Grisdale  
Miss Olive Lawson  
Mr. G. B. Bodman  
Mr. B. J. Whitbread  
Mr. R. D. Sinclair  
Mr. C. A. Weir  
Mr. H. M. Campbell  
Mr. M. W. Malyon  
Dr. W. G. Moore  
Miss Anne MacDonald  
Mr. J. N. Martin  
Miss C. McIntyre  
Miss E. J. Fee  
Mr. W. F. Stevens

## 1924

Mr. J. J. Loughlin  
Mr. G. R. Holeton  
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Mr. E. L. Churchill  
Miss I. E. McLaughlin  
Miss E. J. Douglass  
Miss G. H. Girling  
Mr. N. A. Railton  
Mr. E. E. Eisenhower  
Mr. C. W. Stewart  
Mr. C. A. Weir

## 1915-'16

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Mr. O. S. Longman  
Mr. J. H. McNally  
Miss Ada Davis  
Miss Edith Murray  
Miss Marjorie Goldie  
Mr. G. R. Holeton  
Miss Laura Coates  
Mr. A. E. Meyers

## 1927

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Mr. E. E. Eisenhower  
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Miss M. English  
Mr. F. T. Cook  
Mr. F. H. Budgeon  
Miss R. Clutton  
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Mr. C. H. Peters  
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Mr. W. S. Scarth  
Mr. E. W. Cormack  
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Miss M. B. Gourlay

## 1916-'17

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Miss Isabella Ure  
Miss M. E. Story  
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Mr. N. S. Smith  
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Miss M. Brikett  
Miss B. McDermid

## 1921

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Mr. Wm. Grant  
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Mr. W. Malaher

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Miss M. Kocher

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Miss Eva Emery  
Mr. Wm. Grant

## 1922

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Miss C. McIntyre

## 1926

Mr. A. T. Kemp

## 1928

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Mr. A. T. Kemp  
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Miss G. Burwash  
Miss E. Dixon

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Mr. G. N. Houston  
Mr. H. Palon  
Mr. J. Keith  
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Mr. H. W. Sutherland  
Mr. H. L. Christie  
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Mr. G. N. Houston  
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Miss F. C. McIntyre  
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## 1949-'50

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W. C. Kirk  
H. J. Armstrong  
G. W. Carter  
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E. M. Nelson  
H. Moseson  
M. M. McKim  
M. W. Malyon  
V. E. Molsberry  
D. R. MacPherson  
H. W. Sutherland  
D. M. Kemp  
K. Barclay  
S. Voysey  
A. R. Hoefling

## 1950-'51

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H. J. Armstrong  
H. W. Sutherland  
G. W. Carter  
F. C. McIntyre  
K. O'Callaghan  
H. Moseson  
M. M. McKim  
W. C. Kirk  
G. S. Hughes  
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V. E. Molsberry  
D. M. Kemp  
K. Barclay  
S. Voysey  
N. Norton

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K. O'Callaghan  
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M. M. Jorgenson  
N. J. R. Norton  
C. Belanger  
H. V. Moseson  
N. Milton  
E. Elders  
Mrs. B. E. Brown  
H. W. Sutherland  
H. J. Armstrong  
R. H. Cooper  
V. E. Molsberry  
G. S. Hughes  
K. Barclay  
S. Voysey  
K. May

## 1952-'53

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Elizabeth Saint  
F. C. Jorgenson  
Kathleen O'Callaghan  
Helen Moseson  
M. W. Malyon  
Anne Kernalleguen  
H. W. Sutherland  
H. J. Armstrong  
Rosemary Shaw  
G. S. Hughes  
D. H. Heimbecker  
T. Hayhurst-France  
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Kay Barclay  
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## 1953-'54

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F. C. Jorgenson  
H. W. Sutherland  
H. J. Armstrong  
R. H. Cooper  
E. M. King  
A. Kernalleguen  
H. V. Moseson  
C. L. Belanger  
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L. McRae  
Mrs. L. Ortwein  
A. E. Cahoon  
R. M. Gatz  
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M. J. Joosten  
Mrs. D. Sutherland  
K. Barclay

## 1954-'55

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H. J. Armstrong  
C. L. Belanger  
A. M. Randle  
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Mrs. L. Ortwein  
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W. C. Kirk  
G. Daley  
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T. H. Rawson  
W. D. Ratcliff  
H. F. Campbell  
K. Barclay  
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H. W. Sutherland  
E. E. Rogers  
M. Wigmore  
C. Kirk  
G. Daley  
M. Murray  
Mrs. H. W. Sutherland  
G. Carter  
K. Barclay  
F. C. Jorgenson  
C. L. Belanger  
M. J. Joosten  
M. MacFarlane  
E. Hulabowich  
T. Graham  
S. Wilton  
B. Brown  
M. Coady  
M. L. Jones

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Miss M. Lockhart  
E. E. Rogers  
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Miss G. Daley  
W. C. Kirk  
H. W. Sutherland  
H. J. Armstrong  
Miss Myrtle Wigmore  
R. MacDonald  
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G. A. Ogston  
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Miss K. Carney  
Miss G. Daley  
W. C. Kirk  
H. W. Sutherland  
H. J. Armstrong  
W. D. Ratcliff  
J. I. D. Mathieson  
J. P. Tait  
W. Baranyk  
A. F. Peltzer  
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G. A. Ogston  
D. G. Robb  
Mrs. B. Brown  
Mrs. H. W. Sutherland

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Mrs. Frances Hodgson  
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S. B. Wilton  
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James L. Stone  
J. I. D. Mathieson  
Mrs. Dorine E. Sutherland  
Mrs. Betty E. Brown  
Wilbur Collin  
W. S. Baranyk  
D. G. Robb

## 1960-'61

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R. P. Warrington  
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W. Baranyk  
W. Collin  
Miss E. Sokoluk  
Mrs. F. A. Hodgson  
Miss A. Heffernan  
Mrs. E. Clarke  
W. C. Kirk

R. Hamilton  
H. J. Armstrong  
G. B. Harrison  
H. W. Sutherland  
J. I. D. Mathieson  
O. E. Oxtoby  
R. Everett  
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D. G. Robb  
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C. Kirk  
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W. Collin  
H. J. Armstrong  
J. Stone  
Miss Gwen Daley  
Mrs. E. Clarke  
Miss J. Sokoluk  
Mrs. F. A. Hodgson  
H. W. Sutherland  
O. Oxtoby  
J. I. D. Mathieson  
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G. A. Ogston  
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W. Baranyk  
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## The First Class in Agriculture

The enthusiasm of the late Hon. Duncan Marshall for Schools of Agriculture has been shown to be well founded. He would be a very proud man if he could have celebrated our Golden Anniversary with us. His belief in the need for these schools was proven to be right in October, 1913, when sixty-five students, ranging in age from fifteen years to mature adults, registered. Their education ranged from very little to grade XII and even higher.

Planning and carrying out a suitable course of studies for such a group must have been a difficult task. However those with little schooling often excelled in the blacksmith shop and other practical courses and made up for their academic shortcomings by hard work. Some of those with more education were less able in the practical subjects and in many cases team work solved problems for both.

## Facilities in the First Year

In the absence of dormitories the people of Olds opened their homes and hearts to the O.S.A. students. The cost for excellent board and room was \$5.00 per week.

At school opening the main building was the only one ready for occupancy and the finishers were still working in the science laboratory. Carpentry and Mechanics classes, for several weeks, were used to complete the building (since torn down to make way for a central heating plant) and to install the equipment.

Water for all purposes including steam heat was pumped from a well by an eight foot windmill on a thirty foot tower. When the wind failed students paired up on the pump handle for hours on end. During a cold spell classes had to be suspended while students hauled water in barrels on a stoneboat with a team of horses and funnelled it directly into the boilers. New pumping equipment was installed over the Christmas holidays and the water problem was solved.

A sports field was prepared in practical class time by students picking roots and levelling rough spots.

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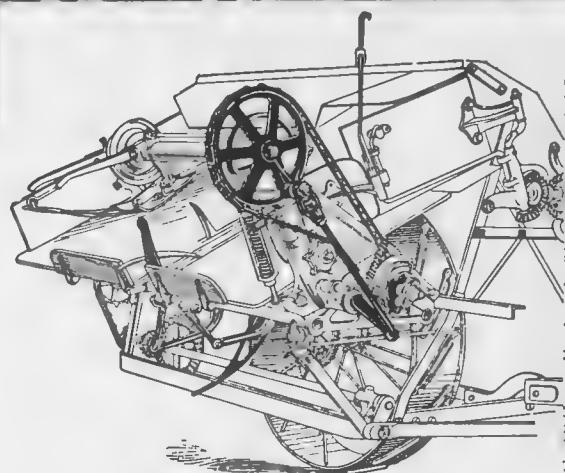


Fig. 250. Part of a reaping machine (eccentric wheel at rest) to illustrate the high degree of complexity of modern farm machinery.



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# The First Class in Home Economics

On January 3, 1914, the O.S.A. Program and outlook became brighter and better for all concerned with the arrival of thirty-nine Household Economics students. In this group, as with the Agriculture students, there was a wide range of age and previous schooling. With this welcome addition to the student body social activities increased. A few of the more astute Agriculture students found wives among those in Household Economics, a tradition which has been maintained through the years.



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# Pictorial Review of Early Years



The Student Caution fund, into which each student paid \$5.00 was soon threatened with exhaustion, especially when experiments in the chemistry lab were started. Numerous experiments detonated prematurely shattering costly equipment and endangering the lives of the inquisitive farmers. On one occasion the science instructor was found behind the building after classes easing the lid off a large container with a lighted torch on the end of a sixteen foot pole; he didn't know how potent the mixture was and had to be sure for class next day.



Special Class



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A self-appointed house committee seemed to be in league with the downtown barber. Long before straggling locks reached the ears, one's name might appear on the bulletin board with a dead line date to visit the barber. After sheep shears were used on a couple of delinquents, notices were strictly heeded.

Students at work in Blacksmith Shop, School of Agriculture





FIRST YEAR MEN—Studying Entomology



Fig. 227. The light, strong, effective plow, the product of centuries of experience.



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# The Spanish Influenza

by DR. C. C. HARTMAN

A history of the Olds School of Agriculture would be far from complete without special mention of the great part played by this institution and its staff during the widespread and fatal epidemic of influenza in the year 1918.

The matter of accommodation and care for the afflicted was given prompt attention by the Department at Edmonton and the Principal and Staff of the school, with the result that the one large building then in existence was immediately turned into a hospital for influenza victims. This meant that the staff had to take on duties for which they were not trained and great credit is due for the capability and willingness shown in this time of great need. To supply the necessary guidance in hospital management, ladies trained in the nursing profession left their homes both in the town and district around, and came to take charge of the various wards. The school teachers from a wide surrounding area then volunteered to serve under the trained nurses as hospital and ward helpers. These acts of unselfishness made it possible to have a well-run hospital very quickly.

In co-operation with the citizens of the town and district, a service was provided whereby the sick — and sometimes it was a whole family — could be brought in for care, together with their beds, bedding and necessary utensils to equip the building for its new service. The Department made no charge to these patients and no one needing care failed to gain admission if accommodation could be found. For those patients confined to their homes because of lack of room in the hospital or for other reasons, there was a daily delivery of food and necessities by a committee of citizens.

As a result of the prompt decision of the Department in Edmonton and the great help of the local staff, many lives were saved and suffering reduced for hundreds of victims of the epidemic. Thus "O.S.A." early came to mean an emblem of good in the grateful hearts of the residents of this district.



Laying the Cornerstone of the Dormitory Building.

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# The Hoadley Boys

— by E. W. PHILLIPS

It was in the mid nineteen twenties that the Honourable George Hoadley, then Alberta's Minister of Agriculture, conceived what he hoped would be a productive scheme for furthering Alberta's agriculture. The idea was to bring over British lads around eighteen to twenty two years of age, give them some training at the Schools of Agriculture, get them jobs on farms for further experience, then hope that a combination of time, youthful ambition — and perhaps a bit of family financial assistance — would produce a valuable crop of British-Alberta farmers. The country needed young men to take up the great areas of vacant land of that time; Mr. Hoadley himself had been a young British immigrant of some years back, and had become a successful rancher. If this had been a land of opportunity for him, why not for many others from the same source? Such was the vision. Looking back on it now, it seems that this was indeed an idea with considerable merit. The fact that events did not turn out altogether as hoped is perhaps entitled to some explanation. A dearth of information on the later movements of most of these lads impairs any analysis, but on the basis of recollection, these are my impressions.

Three groups of these boys were received at the O.S.A. one of thirteen was there throughout the winter of 1927-28; two of about eighteen for a month each in the spring of 1928-29. A few returned for the 2 - 1 course of 28-29.

These groups were given first hand experience on the school farm, were taught to milk cows, handle horses, tend the hogs, sheep and poultry, and some introduction to machinery. The winter group had some classroom introduction on subjects of practical value, also this first group had the advantage of association with our regular students, with its opportunity to learn from them of the facts of Alberta farm life. At the end of each term jobs were found for most on local farms, and here the rift in the scheme appeared; a few stayed with it, gained experience and went on to become established farmers; but for the majority, the necessary adjustments were too great for both parties, the jobs were soon terminated, and these sought other occupations or greener pastures elsewhere; the plan was terminated.

These boys were mostly of excellent intelligence, had had good schooling in Britain, and apparently had good family backgrounds. They had an obvious good potential for anything their abilities and aptitudes fitted them. I am sure no one who saw it has forgotten their presentation of Dickens' play "Christmas Carol" at the end of the 1927 fall term; a high caliber performance. From the standpoint of fulfilling Mr. Hoadley's program, however, the difficulty seemed to be that only a few of them really wanted to go farming; more sedentary occupations and city living had a much greater appeal.

In retrospect it appears that a more satisfactory outcome of this scheme might have been obtained if the following principles had been followed — Selection of candidates from farm or tradesman's backgrounds, rather than from the white-collar classes; selection at a younger age, say sixteen to eighteen, for great adaptability; a better organized system of placements in farm employment, and of follow-up to try to ensure permanence. Whether this different emphasis would have ensured success is speculation, one likes to think that it might have. In any case the recollection of this survivor of that period is of groups of quite individualistic young men, far from home, somewhat out of their element, and with everyone, including themselves a little puzzled as to why they were there. They provided many a headache for Mr. Gridale, their Principal and many a laugh and bright memory for those in contact with them. I am sure those of us on the staff wished them well in their future endeavours and if these didn't always lie along the lines planned by Mr. Hoadley, that was only partly their fault.

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# Experiences of a Hoadley Boy

— by JAMES CHARLTON

In my own opinion, and I know the rest of these students wherever they may be will agree with me, that the entire course was very well organized, and no better treatment was ever extended to a group of students from the time we boarded the C.P.R. Steamship "Montrose" at Liverpool, England, in October, 1925 until we were carefully placed by the school in good homes in the local vicinity of Olds which gave us a first class start in a new and vast land which we are now proud to call home. We were royally received in Olds not only by the Agricultural staff alone but by the local authority of that day. Various Churches and organizations arranged social functions to introduce us to the community at large, and through these associations we gained many lasting friendships.

The school not being as large as it is today, the students were billeted out in private houses which were carefully selected for us, two boys to a family. The Instructors at the school certainly showed great patience with us, as very few of us knew anything about agriculture or even animals. This particular fall was very mild, and the other students found it strange that we never wore hats or gloves. Our instruction was mostly out of doors, where we were taught to drive horses, first one horse, then two horses, etc., much to the amusement of other students. When we could handle this situation, we hauled feed and did other chores on the farm; milking time caused quite a problem in the early stages, as there were many unfortunate accidents both to the milker and the milk (?) When Christmas time rolled around, and other students were going to their respective homes, a very kind invitation was sent to the school by the Kiwanis Club in Calgary requesting that the British Boys come to Calgary as guests of their Club members for the festive season. Some of us had previously been asked to the homes of other students attending the school; this gesture should be specially mentioned as it speaks for itself of the Christian spirit by all concerned which will live forever in our memory. After Christmas the weather was much colder and we were obliged to don the native winter clothing including the "mits" which we had, of course, never worn before, and had to take off when we were doing anything. Our schooling then was confined to the classroom where we learned farm management, various breeds of animals, and judging types of seed, proper feeding methods, etc., etc. It was a very interesting course. However, by springtime we knew that as far as actual knowledge was concerned we had really barely scratched the surface, and it would require more years of extensive study if we were to follow it successfully. The following winter I returned to the school again and took a further course with the first year students. Prior to going to the C.P.R., D.M.R. Experimental Station, at Brooks, where I worked until joining the Armed Services in 1939. On my return from overseas duty I spent some years with the Eastern Irrigation District prior to being now employed by the Special Areas Board at Hana, Alberta, on an Irrigation Development programme under the Department of Municipal Affairs.

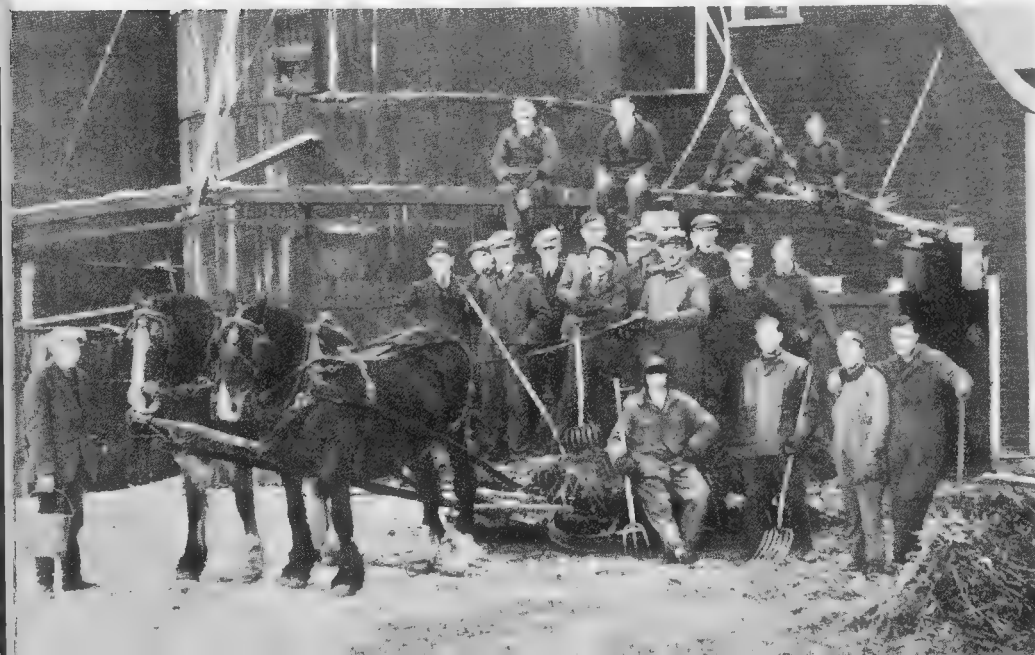
As to the success of the Hoadley Boys, I would be inclined to say that from an agricultural point of view the result was not too encouraging as less than half of the students followed it up. This, however, was not the fault of any administration, as world conditions in the late twenties and early thirties placed agriculture, as well as industry, at a low ebb. The farmer found it difficult to pay any wages, and work was seasonal, this in itself made steady work in offices or stores more attractive to a young man who had no real home ties on the farm. The result that many have found other employment, and Canada nevertheless gained some good citizens.

If in future a similar programme were to be considered, a full three-year course on a contract basis might prove more beneficial to agriculture, provided the applicants were chosen from a more agricultural background.

Practical Training for the  
"Hoadley Boys."

STANDING: Whiting, King, Conliff,  
Dobbin, Jameson, Habbycost,  
Brees, Stokes, Marchant, Frazer.  
SEATED: Wilson, Ward, Norman,  
Stinim, Brisco-Evans, Murray.  
FRONT: Wood, Welsh, Charlton.

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## Anecdotes of Early Years

The Honourable Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture, took a delight in showing his friends or visitors about the O.S.A.

When the school was in operation he occasionally requested that the Home Economic Teachers and students provide luncheon for him and his visitors. Such events, Mr. Marshall believed; provided excellent training for the Home Economics students.

During the winter of 1916-17, Lord and Lady Guinness, from England, toured Canada. Lord Guinness was promoting the recruiting of men for the British Navy and in due course arrived in Edmonton.

One fine morning in March, about 10:00 a.m. the school routine was suddenly interrupted by a phone call from Edmonton, informing the principal, Mr. Elliott, that the Honourable Duncan Marshall with Lord and Lady Guinness were on their way to Olds by train, to visit the school and farm and that luncheon was to be provided.

The announcement and the very thought of preparing a luncheon for Nobility on two and a half hours notice, for a moment almost petrified Miss Goldie and Miss Davis, the Home Economics Instructresses.

However, classes were immediately dismissed and all staff members rallied to the aid of Miss Goldie, who was a splendid organizer. It was not long until some order grew out of chaos and about 12:30 noon, our guests and most of the staff members sat down to luncheon, and found Lord and Lady Guinness to be most charming guests.

One of the edibles provided at the luncheon was school made cheese, notwithstanding that it was not fully cured. Toward the end of the luncheon Principal Elliott drew attention to the fact the cheese had been made by the students, admitting it was slightly under cured; then he turned to Mr. Marshall with the remark: "What do you think of it, Mr. Marshall?" Marshall replied: "Oh, yes, I guess it's alright, but you might as well chew at the end of a basswood stick". I can assure you that it was a most unexpected reply, particularly by Mr. Elliott.

During the winter of 1915-16 two steelworkers equipped with hoists and pneumatic riveters, erected the present standpipe at the O.S.A. to provide more adequate water supply and fire protection.

Lecturing to the classes in competition with the clatter of pneumatic riveters was an experience never to be forgotten.

The standpipe was erected directly over the well and a frame pump house. However, the wooden jacket, surrounding the six inch downpipe from the tank to the ceiling of the pump house was not completed until a Sunday in the early winter of 1916-17.

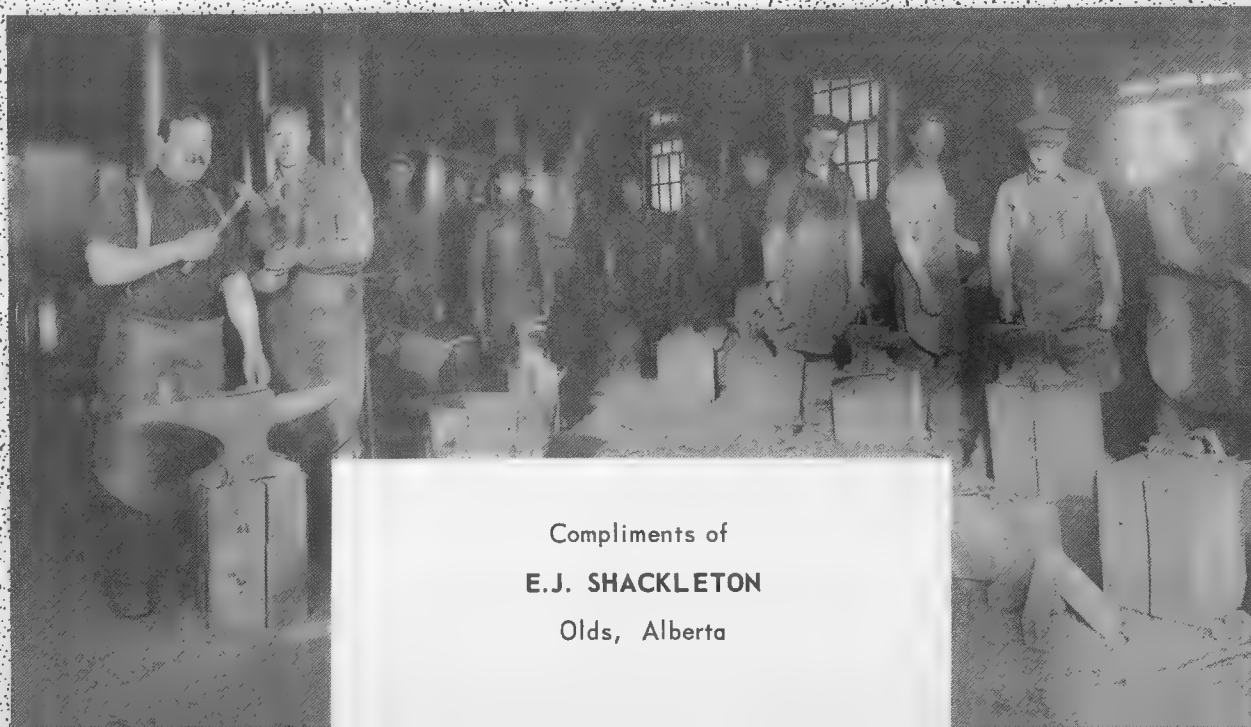
As there was much concern regarding the water in the downpipe freezing, the contractor - a Mr. Paterson - immediately stoked the coal heater in the pump house - which also contained the electric lighting equipment - then went home.

About two hours later smoke was seen gushing from beneath the tank and the pump house was on fire. The Olds fire brigade was called but on arrival found no water connections available. Suddenly, when the fire had reached its height, a fitting on the down pipe broke, releasing a torrent of water, inundating the pump house, its contents and the bystanders as the tank emptied.

Within hours the location of the wreckage was a frozen mass. Dan MacDonald, Superintendent of Public Works, in Edmonton was notified. The next morning he took over and in due course services were restored.

All because the coal heater was located too close to the pump house wall.

Halloween was an interesting occasion for the people of Olds. One O.S.A. student and one local youth spent the night in gaol. On Sunday morning they were escorted around the town by the constable, removing road blocks and setting up outhouses, while the innocent ones were going to church. Following a hearty breakfast at Wong's cafe, they were released.



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# The Third Year Course

Commencing in the fall of 1924, a third year or Matriculation course was offered at O.S.A. It was open only to School of Agriculture graduates in Agriculture or Home Economics. A similar course was offered later at V.S.A. In 1923-24, two students acted as guinea pigs and received the training before it was officially offered. They were Andrew Gibson and H. W. Sharman.

The purpose of the course was to make it possible for diploma graduates to achieve matriculation, without returning to High School or going to High School at all. Students who completed the matriculation course were admitted to second year agriculture or Home Economics at the University of Alberta.

Following the 1934-35 school year, the course was discontinued, but while it lasted it not only opened the way for many students to go to University but helped many others to complete their High School education. The achievements of those who used this route to University are a great credit to the school and to those who had the wisdom to open the way. Those who did not go on have undoubtedly benefited greatly too.



1926-'27 Third Year Class at Work



## Third Year Instructors

Third year students benefited from instruction given by able and well-qualified men. The turnover in instructors was very rapid until the depression years, probably because the course was not operating throughout the year. J. J. Loughlin and L. E. Churchill were on the job at the start. The former stayed one year and the latter for four years. Other one-year men were R. E. Stewart, 1925-26; K. G. McKenzie, 1927-28; J. Hunter and W. H. Swift, 1928-'30; Worthy Hoover and E. R. Gibson, 1930-'31. F. W. Addison served for two years, 1926 to 1928, while Hugh McPhail and Fred B. Dixon taught these classes from 1931 to 1935.

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# The O.S.A. Experimental Union

— by L. P. ERICKSON (1924)

Many beauty spots in Alberta can trace their origin back to the O.S.A. Experimental Union, started in the early twenties, and functioning for about a quarter of a century.

At the time Mr. F. S. Grisdale was appointed Principal of the School of Agriculture at Olds, Experimental Farms and Stations were just beginning to function, and to most people on the land, cereal crops were just wheat, oats, barley; and grasses were just grass with legumes practically unknown. In order to acquaint farm people with some of the newer and superior varieties then being introduced, the "Chief" (as Mr. Grisdale was fondly called by students and staff) inaugurated the Experimental Union. Under this plan, ex-students, who were Alumni members, could, free of charge obtain four 4 lbs samples of certain varieties of field crops seeds. In return, they were obligated to fill out and return at the end of the season, forms prepared for that purpose.

It was hoped in this way, to obtain valuable information in regards to the behaviour of the newer varieties. However, it soon became apparent that the average farmer did not have the time, nor facilities, to handle this small seed sample, and in practically all cases, seed, labour and time were wasted.

The late Mr. A. T. Kemp, Horticulturist at the School, came to the rescue, by providing ornamental shrubbery, flowers, both annuals and perennials, as well as vegetable seeds, which were added to the list of material available for distribution. The Union was made open, so anyone who wished could join by paying an annual fee of one dollar. During the thirties it became the source of Garden seeds and plants for many families, not only on the farms but in towns as well. Many thousands of parcels were sent out, prepaid at \$1.00 each. A typical parcel would contain 4 lb and/or 25 eyes of seed potatoes; 12 raspberry canes; four packages of vegetable seeds and two crabapple trees; or another, 2 rhubarb plants; 12 strawberry plants; 3 packages of garden peas and 1 lb creeping red fescue seed.

Most of the seed and plants were produced at the School, however, some were obtained from the Horticultural Station at Brooks, and other sources. The fee charged was to help pay the shipping charges as well as packing material and extra labour required during the shipping season, with Mr. L. P. Erickson, for many years plots foreman at the School in charge of the preparation, packing and shipping.

Mr. James Murray, who succeeded Mr. Grisdale as Principal of the School, acted as Treasurer of the Union and in most years there was a substantial cash surplus. It was therefore decided to give an annual Scholarship to some worthy student.

For a number of years the Experimental Union also held a Seed Fair in conjunction with the Winter Reunion. This ranked second only to the Provincial Seed Fair, and many of Alberta's noted Seed Exhibitors first started to show at the O.S.A. Experimental Union Seed Fair.



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## O.S.A. and the School Fairs



W. J. ELLIOTT

The first report of School Fair work in Alberta is found in the 1916 Annual report of the Olds School of Agriculture prepared by the Principal, W. J. Elliott. He states. . .

"The writer undertook to introduce agriculture in a number of rural schools in the Olds district. This was done at the same time and along similar lines as that undertaken at four other points in the province. The Government supplied free vegetables and flower seeds and a limited number of eggs to the boys and girls. . . and in addition, the boys and girls were to raise calves, break colts, etc. . . . a considerable amount of sewing and baking was exhibited. A fair was held in the fall . . . . ."

In 1922 "Scholarship Short Courses" were started. Boys and girls showing achievement at School Fairs were awarded trips to these courses. The best of these received scholarships to attend a school of Agriculture.

In 1941, R. M. Putnam, Director of Extension for Alberta, reported:—

"School Fairs were discontinued as an economy measure in 1941. Although the Department withdrew its support, about eight centres carried on and held their fairs in the fall. As the Department had an obligation to the School Fair Winners of 1940, the usual school fair short courses were held. . . ."

It may be added that a few School Fairs are still operating in 1963 and that Junior Clubs, later called 4H Clubs, replaced them as a means of extending agricultural information and teaching citizenship to Alberta farm youth.

During the years the School Fairs operated, instructors (men and women) at the Schools of Agriculture, visited schools, distributed seeds, helped organize School Fairs, acted as judges and, at the same time, promoted Agriculture and the Agricultural Schools. Two men who had a large part in this at Olds were Mr. Hugh McPhail and Mr. Walter S. Benn. In commenting on the Fairs, these men gave credit to the Department of Education and to the rural schools for their part. They also praised the contribution of these fairs in promoting better agriculture and interest in Schools of Agriculture.



W. S. BENN



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## The Two-in-One Course

Beginning very early in the life of the school certain students with advanced education and superior ability were permitted to take the course in one winter and receive a diploma.

This was first officially recognized in the announcement of courses for 1922-23 when the following statement was made:

"Under the existing regulations students with Grade XI standing may enter the second year of the course but must show knowledge of the work of the first year before being granted a diploma."

In the 1929-30 yearbook the Two-in-One Class is shown apart from other graduating students, and in the announcement of courses for 1930-31, first and second year subjects to be taken by Two-in-One students are listed.

The final step in setting up a Two-in-One Program appears in the announcement of courses for 1933-34. It appears that from then on the Two-in-One students were taught separately from the two year students.

Since this course was developed, a high percentage of the graduates in both Agriculture and Home Economics who have gone on to University have been drawn from it.



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## The Campus Landscape

It took vision in 1913 to foresee the O.S.A. Campus of later years. Sloughs, good soil, farm fences and new buildings met the eye. Members of the 1913 staff, including Mr. Grisdale, recall assisting with filling in a slough south of the main building, using four horse teams and fresnoes. The horses were hired from the late Tom Leader of Olds.

Through the work and planning of Mr. W. J. Elliott and Mr. F. S. Grisdale, good progress was made in landscaping the grounds and starting an orchard which was truly a remarkably fine one for this northern climate. In 1922 Mr. Arthur Kemp an O.S.A. graduate who started his agricultural training in Kew Gardens in England, joined the staff and served as Horticulturist until 1947. Under his direction the campus developed into a veritable park which people came from far and near to see. His horticultural interest extended beyond the campus plantings to the gardens and the orchard and even to the farmsteads of the province.

By 1958 the school was on the verge of extensive changes and at this time Mr. W. S. Baranyk became Horticulturist. Between 1958 and 1962, when he was appointed Principal at Vermilion, the face of the campus was changed. Roads were straightened and clearly defined, parking areas were established, the campus was re-planned to provide for new buildings, new sidewalks and curbs were put in and a lot of new planting was done. His efforts extended even into the farm area, and the development of a new playing field. The results of his energetic work and planning are already apparent and will be more so as the new plantings grow and more new buildings are erected.





W. J. ELLIOTT  
He Started It



A. T. KEMP  
He Developed It



W. S. BARANYK  
He Modernized It



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# The Changing Face of the Campus



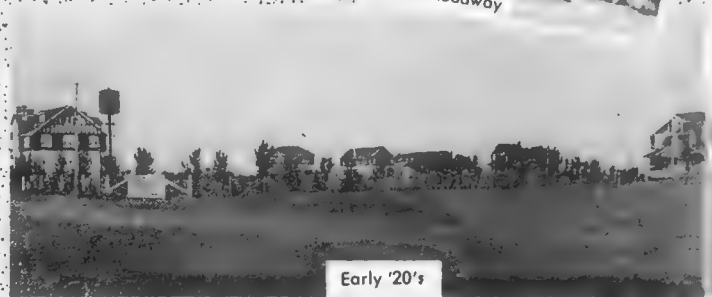
Dormitory In The '40's



1 East From Main Building



Winter Roadway



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The '40's

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## O.S.A. in the '30's and '40's

— JAMES MURRAY

PRINCIPAL 1929 - 1946

My association with the School of Agriculture at Olds began in 1912 and continued through the two following years as a member of the Board of Agricultural Education. This board of twelve members, appointed by Order-in-Council, had as its chairman, Dr. Tory, President of the University of Alberta.

It drew up the course of study in both Agriculture and Home Economics and formulated the general relations under which the schools operated. Of the original board I alone remain.

When I became Principal at Olds in July of 1930, the school had been operating seventeen years; many of the courses were about the same as at the start in 1913. Times were hard in the thirties. Prices of all farm products had plummeted to lows no one thought possible. With hogs and cattle worth less than five dollars a hundred, oats and wheat at less than a cent a pound, eggs at five cents a dozen farm incomes were so low that few farmers could afford to send their sons and daughters away to school even if board and room was only a dollar a day. So, attendance was low.

Few had money to throw around. Many were glad to get odd jobs to eke out their modest allowances. We could have had twenty student waitresses and ten boys working in the kitchen. The girl students made simple frocks and were content with modest dresses for graduation. If students had no money, they had everything else. They could not afford to buy their fun; they had to make it. And make it they did. Within the last year several students of the thirties have assured me that their school days at that time were the happiest of their lives.

From year to year attendance picked up and by the middle thirties the dormitories were crowded. Those were the pre-oil days and appropriations were hard to come by but we did get an addition to the boys' dormitory that gave space for another forty students. Even then some students, both boys and girls, had to get rooms out.

The outbreak of war brought changes. A number of students got into uniform at once to serve on land, at sea, or in the air. Some, alas, did not return. It became more difficult to recruit staff and to hold them. A cadet corps was organized with all men students taking regular training. Eventually we got uniforms for them and under the training of Captain Hawker they made a smart appearance at inspection parade in the spring.

By 1942 we got our first contingent of men who for various reasons had been discharged from the forces. They were to take training to enable them to qualify for benefits under the Veterans' Land Act or to engage in some other agricultural pursuit. They were excellent students, anxious to again get into step with civil affairs and to prepare themselves to take an active part.

Mention should be made of the Third Year course that was provided for a number of years for students who entered the school with few High School credits but who wished to continue their studies at the university. For a number of years the course was well patronized, but as school facilities improved throughout the province, students entered the O.S.A. with higher scholastic standing and the demand for the course disappeared. It was discontinued about 1935.

Reference must be made to the summer courses, as they had a direct bearing on the regular sessions of the school. Well filled classes are essential if a school is to function at its best. The summer courses of from one to two weeks brought the school, its facilities, and its staff to the attention of prospective students or their parents and from year to year helped keep up a constant supply of students. Space permits only a brief mention of them.

The first Farm Women's Week was held in 1930 with an attendance of about thirty. It grew in size and usefulness from year to year until an attendance limit had to be enforced. Many students in both Agriculture and Home Economics were enrolled as a direct result of their mothers having themselves been students at the O.S.A. even if for only one week.

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Another important summer course was the School of Community Life — one of two weeks put on in co-operation with the Extension Department of the University. This attracted from forty to eighty from all parts of the province. The Girls' Clubs drew an attendance of from eighty to one hundred. The 4H Clubs and School Fair groups also introduced over the years hundreds to the school.

We were fortunate in having during our tenure at the O.S.A. a competent and devoted staff of both men and women without which no school can do the work planned for it. And there were wonderful students — hundreds of them, keen, progressive and forward-looking, now scattered far and wide doing important work better because they were students at the O.S.A. We get great pleasure in seeing and hearing from them from time to time.



Saturday Afternoon



Afternoon Tea



Farm Mechanics



The Sweep Betsie



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# Olds Creeping Red Fescue

The development of the Olds Variety of Creeping Red Fescue by Mr. James Murray, O.S.A. Principal from 1929 to 1946, was an important contribution to Agriculture. The practical assistance given by L. P. (Pete) Erickson '24, Plot Foreman, was of inestimable value.

The original seed was obtained from Czechoslovakia by George H. Clark, former Seed Commissioner for Canada in 1931 and was grown for the first time at O.S.A. in 1932. A programme of selection and testing over several years led to the recognition by the Canadian Seed Growers' Association of the "Olds" Variety. An interesting phase of the testing was the use of sheep for pasturing blocks of fescue and other forage crops in order to make comparisons. Production was measured in sheep-days per acre.

Breeders' Seed (Foundation Stock) of Olds Creeping Red Fescue is still produced at O.S.A. Seed production on a commercial scale, while only possible in some areas, is an important farm enterprise. The variety is widely grown, in areas where drought is not a problem, in parts of Canada and the United States. It is popular for pastures, lawns and soil conservation and has been used to some extent for grass runways on landing fields.



JAMES MURRAY

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CREeping RED FESCUE. Plant. x 1/2; Spikelet and Floret, x 5



Creeping Red Fescue in rows — solid seeding is now more commonly practised.

# The O.S.A. Library

In 1925 Mr. E. L. Churchill, Mathematics instructor, proposed the establishment of an Extension Library. The idea was accepted enthusiastically by the students' Council and the Literary Committee. Council and the Alumni Association both voted funds and when the project was outlined through the columns of the "News Letter" funds poured in from ex-students and by December, 800 volumes were in circulation. By the end of the term there were over 1,500. In a short time circulation reached 1,000 per month.

The library books were made available to students while attending school and to all farm people who wished to use the service. The work was done by students under staff guidance, even to building library furniture.

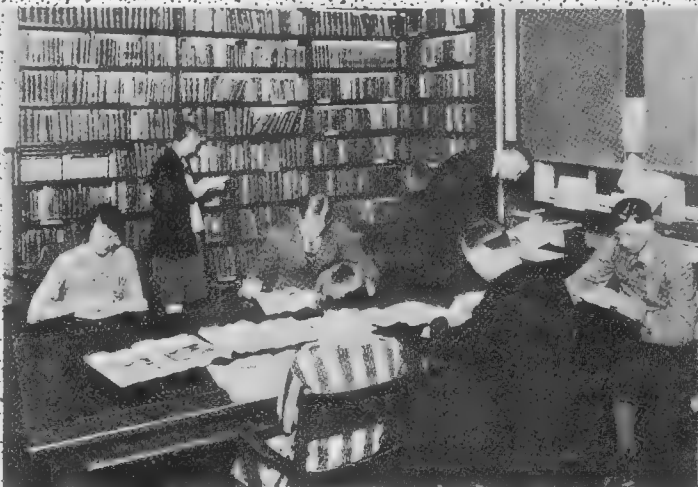
Early in the history of the library it was incorporated as the O.S.A. Extension Library Association. In the course of time the mailing of books to farmers was discontinued but the library served as the only one available to the people of Olds and district for many years, with some financial support coming from the town. It now serves only the school and one has been established in the town.

In 1930 a part-time librarian was hired and this practice is still followed when the school is in operation. Others, besides Mr. Churchill, who have contributed to the success of the library include Mr. C. E. Yauch, Miss Joyce Whiting, Mrs. Dorothy Kemp, Mrs. Shirley McKnight and Mrs. Betty Brown.

Started in the north-west corner of the main floor of the main building, it was moved into the dormitory building, where stocks and a reading room were provided when the building was opened in 1927.



The Extension Library



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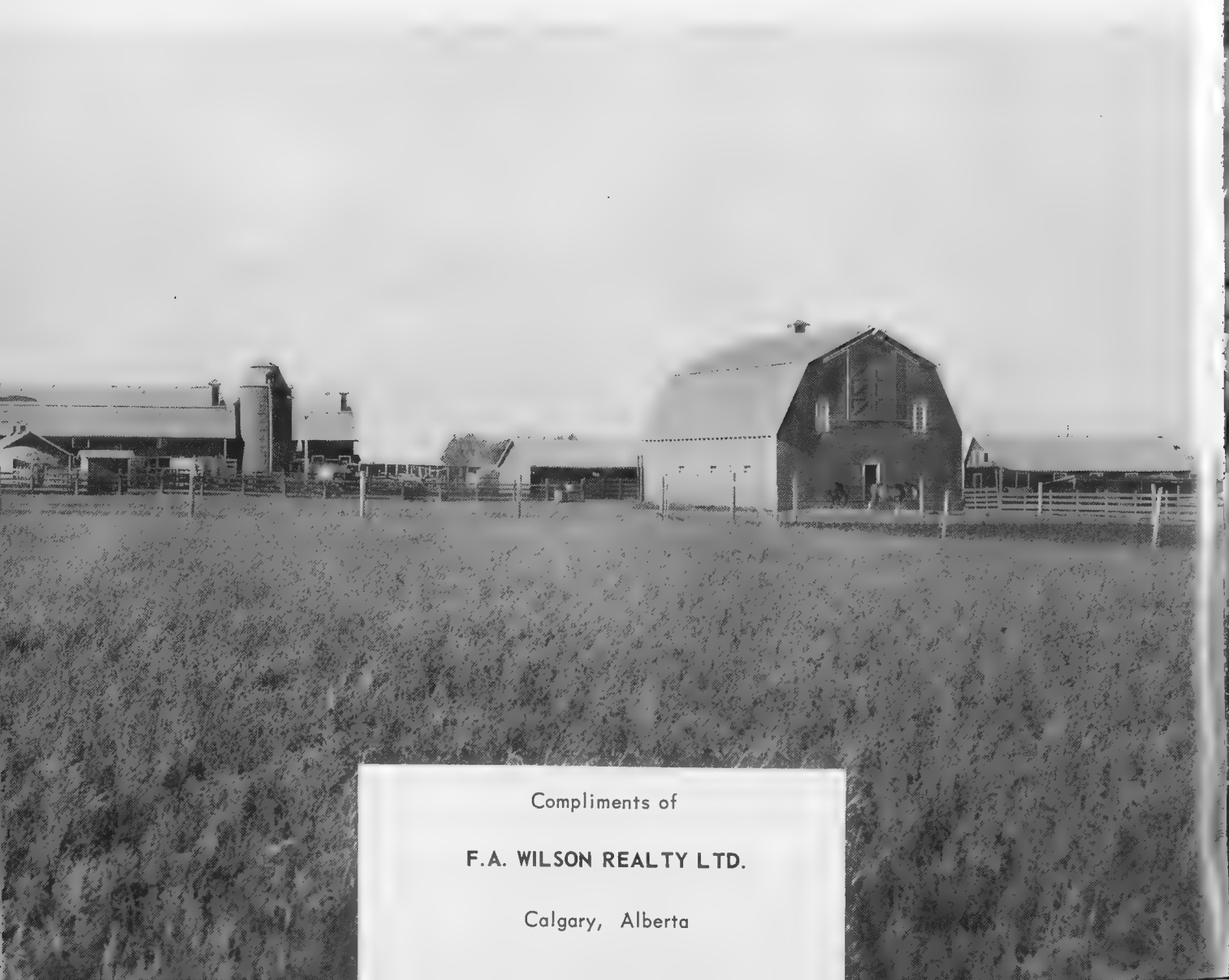
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## The School Farm

The school farm pre-dates the school itself. In the 1911 annual report of the Superintendent of Demonstration farms, a description of the Olds farm is included. It consisted of 320 acres, heavily covered with bush, when purchased, but 130 acres were broken and put into spring crop. Two houses, two barns, one sheep and one hog pen, and an implement shed were built that year, and the farm was fenced with a 10 strand woven wire fence. Livestock included seven work horses and one driver, with 100 head of feeder steers, purchased in the fall. Farm Manager was Mr. Jas Clements.

With the opening of the school in 1913 the farm was used as an adjunct to the school, supplying animals and other materials for teaching purposes. It was, however, operated independently. It was not until 1919 that the school farm was brought under the school administration.



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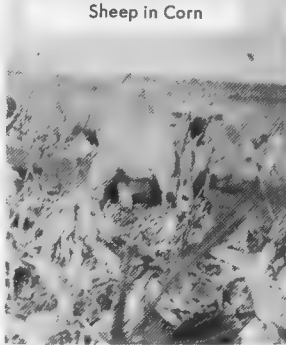
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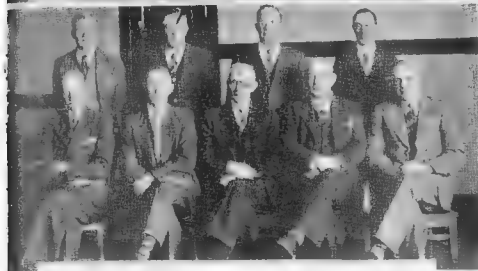
Steers on Feed



Cutting Oats



Sheep in Corn



BACK ROW: W. Black, W. McClean, R. Crump, H. Rosenberger. FRONT ROW: H. S. Patrick, C. Peterson, G. Manhard, W. Burns, W. Ross, (Farm Manager).



New Dairy Barn

New Feed Plant



Some of the Percherons at the O. S. A.



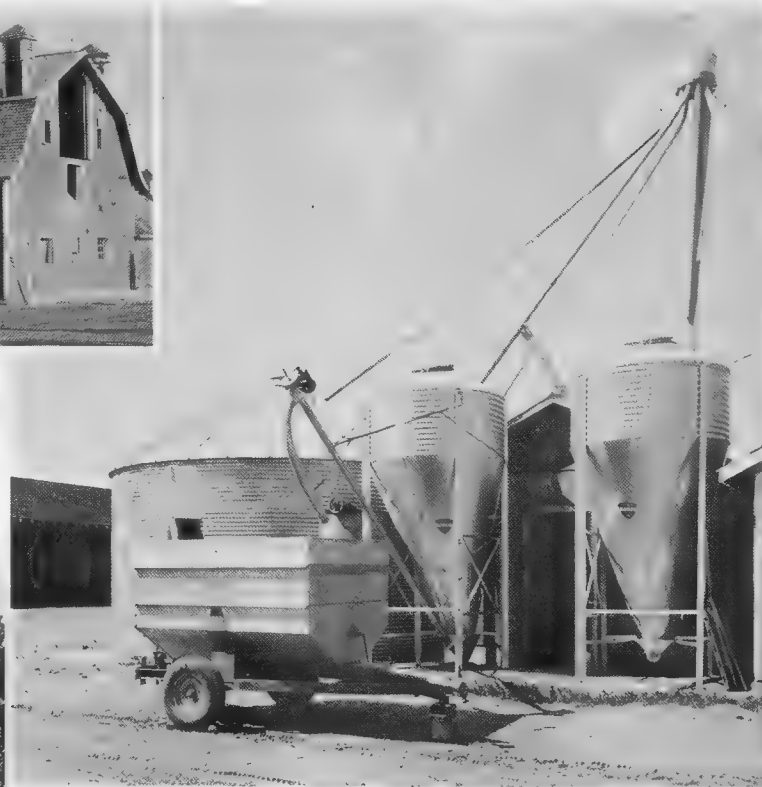
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## The Little Royal and Achievement Day

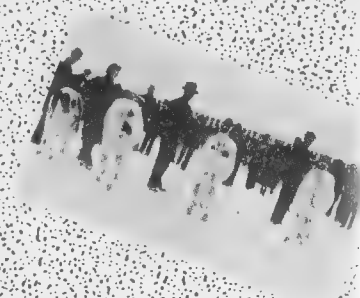
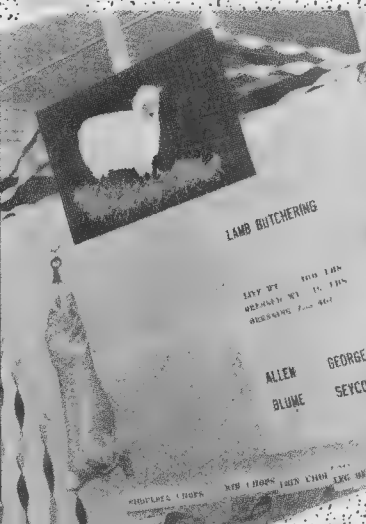
In the fall of 1933, with V.S.A. closed, Mr. D. A. Andrew came from there to O.S.A. to teach Animal Husbandry. He brought with him the idea of the Little Royal, which had been brought from Guelph to V.S.A.

This innovation has been a part of the school program and has been put on every year since. Until the early 1950s, draught horses added a great deal to the glamour of the show and in more recent years light horses have been a special feature of some of them. Trained pigs startled people at the beginning but are now an accepted feature of every show. Poultry had a place in the show for many years but have been omitted recently. Beef and Dairy Cattle and Sheep have all had a place through the years.

For many years the Little Royal and the Achievement Day were separate events. Since 1951 they have been combined. This combined event has been very popular with the public, drawing as many as 5,000 people from all over Central and Southern Alberta. The Livestock Show and the Dress Review are the most popular features but most other phases of the school program are also of interest.

Many prominent livestock breeders and officials have served as Judges including the late Dr. R. D. Sinclair, '15, W. H. T. Mead, Livestock Commissioner, and Phillip Rick, '28. Many students, who later became showmen, got their start at O.S.A., where the work of the student rather than the animal is judged.

In 1958 the Silver Anniversary of the Show was celebrated. Four of the "Depression Boys" who had participated in the first show, appeared, suitably garbed, and showed a special class. They were Harry Platt of Olds, Gordon Ballhorn of Wetaskiwin, Gordon Call of Lacombe, and Frank Rice of Lacombe. Carlton Leeson of Didsbury assisted Mr. F. F. Parkinson in judging this class.



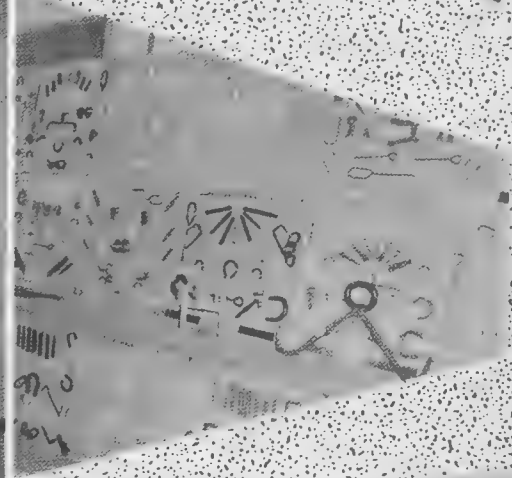
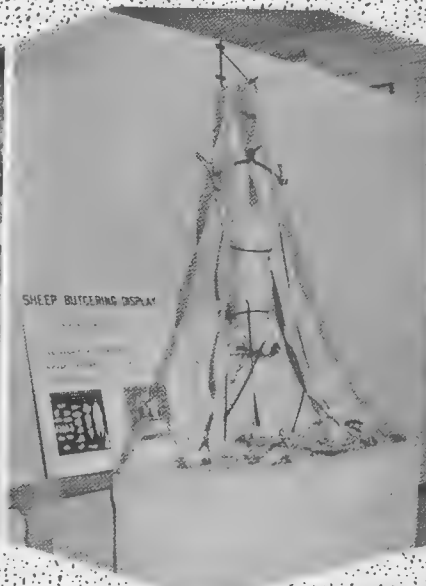
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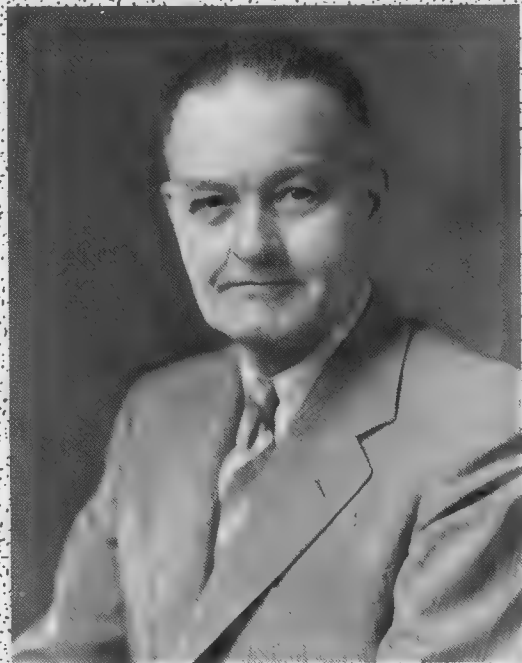


1934 Class 25 Years Later



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# Message by DR. J. G. TAGGART



DR. J. G. TAGGART

"If these boys become accustomed to steam-heated buildings they will never return to the homesteads." Thus spoke a farmer member of the Advisory Board of the Alberta Schools of Agriculture in 1913 when the Minister of Agriculture was proudly displaying plans of the new modern school buildings which were about to be opened to receive their first classes.

The prevailing philosophy was that the schools should provide essentially practical training in agriculture and home-making and that the students thus trained should return to the farm and farm home. It appeared to be the expectation that the students would continue to enjoy or endure the hard life of the pioneer in a new and frequently hostile agricultural environment.

That farm life on the Canadian Prairies in the past fifty years has had its full share of hardships none can deny. But that farm people should be insulated from contact with the amenities of life enjoyed by urban dwellers and be satisfied with the hard life of the homesteader is a false doctrine which the Schools of Agriculture have done much to destroy. Instead, the Schools have so inspired and informed their students that, as graduates, they have done much on their own farms and in their communities to raise the levels of living to or above those of many urban dwellers. It may be true that the steam-heated buildings did provoke dissatisfaction among the students with their home environments. If so, the effect was to so stimulate and inform the students that

they set out to improve the conditions of farm life instead of deserting the farm.

Any person who has observed the activities of graduates of the Schools throughout rural Alberta in the past forty years must be impressed by the great contribution they have made to their communities and province. The results of their training have extended far beyond their own farms, as witness their contributions to municipal and provincial affairs and the leadership they have shown in farm organizations, both provincial and national. It is the considered judgment of the writer that these contributions to the public good have far more than justified the existence of the Schools of Agriculture, apart altogether from their great benefits to the individuals who received the training.

But, some will ask: Is it not true that many of the graduates in both agriculture and home economics have left the farm? It is true indeed, and the Schools can point with pride to the fact that many of these have made important contributions to agricultural research, teaching and extension, all to the great benefit of agriculture in this and other countries. Surely no one can logically claim that these people should not have been permitted to pursue the callings which have given them such great personal satisfaction and have at the same time contributed so much to the public good.

All in all, those who have been responsible for the administration of the Schools and their teaching staffs have good reason to be proud of the work they have done.

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## The 21st Anniversary

In 1934 O.S.A. came of age. It was indeed a proud occasion when a tremendous crowd gathered to mark her 21st birthday. The fact that so many of those who had helped with her birth and upbringing were present added greatly to the occasion. The exalted positions held by many of them by that time explained clearly the phenomenal success of the school in its early years.

Taking part in the program were Hon. R. G. Reid, Premier of Alberta; Dr. R. C. Wallace, President, University of Alberta; Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario and founder of the Alberta Schools of Agriculture; Hon. Frank Grisdale, Minister of Agriculture for Alberta and former Principal at both Olds and Vermilion; Hon. Gordon Taggart, Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan and former instructor at both Olds and Vermilion; Hon. George Hoadley, Minister of Health for Alberta and former Minister of Agriculture; Dean E. A. Howes, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Agriculture and first Principal at V.S.A.; Mr. James Murray, O.S.A. Principal; Mr. H. A. Craig, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Superintendent of Schools of Agriculture; Dr. H. R. Thornton, Professor of Dairying, University of Alberta, and Mrs. Lillian Townsend. The last two being distinguished graduates.

Some of the opinions that were freely voiced at the reunion, particularly by ex-students might be summed up as follows:

1. That in the establishment of the Schools of Agriculture in Alberta, the Hon. Duncan Marshall performed a great and lasting service to the Province.
2. That those having the leadership and work of the school in charge have laid well the foundations of a useful institution.
3. That those who attended the school in past years did not at the time appreciate the value of the course as they do now.
4. That the value of the social side of the work at the school should not be overlooked as a factor in its traditions and as a means of establishing a strong bond of fellowship among those connected with it.

The reunion was unquestionably the largest and best that has ever been held at the School and should prove a great factor in arousing added interest and greater loyalty to the institution.



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Students and Staff, O. S. A., 1934-35.





# Athletics

## 1913-1963



GIRLS' HOCKEY TEAM, OLDS

L. M. Tester, A. Shantz, M. B. McColl, Coach, E. M. Michener,  
L. F. Archibald, E. E. Curtis, H. McDermid,  
A. Davis, Captain, B. M. Cates

1915 - 1916



BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM, OLDS

McColl, Captain, Jacobson, Murray,  
Wood, Gorman, Manager, Kirkland,  
Woodward, Taggart



Gymnasium Class 1920

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1921



GIRLS' HOCKEY TEAM

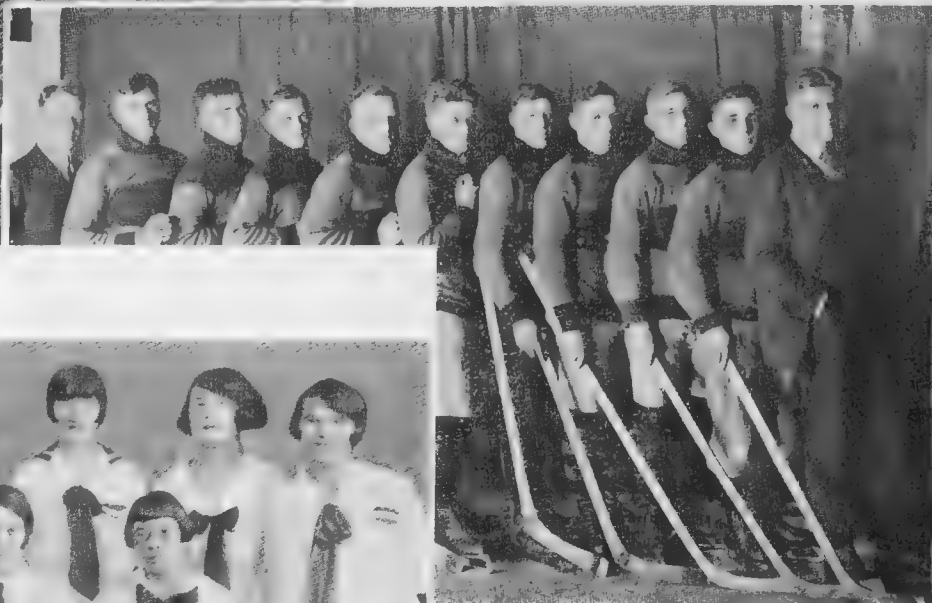
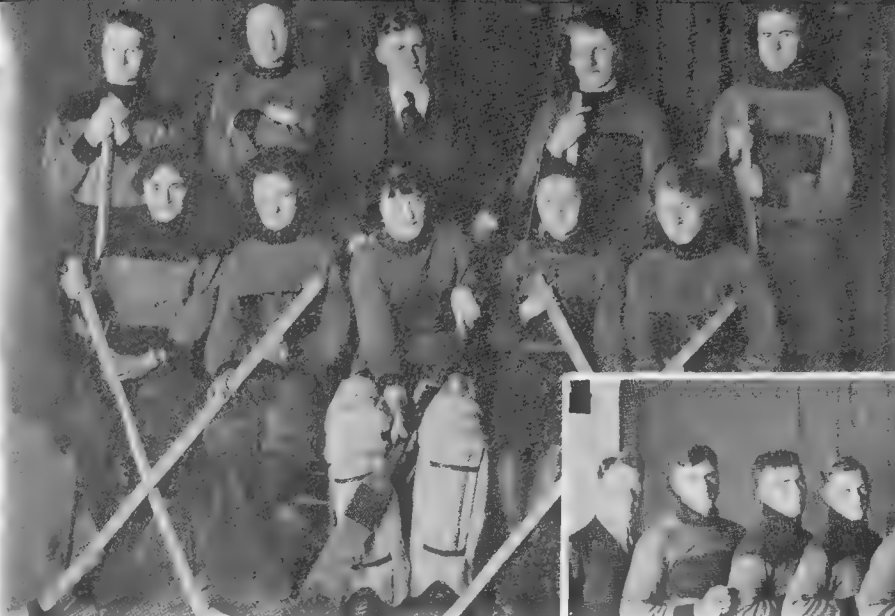
BACK ROW: M. McLean, M. Stratton, D. Fernalls, C. Lohner, B. Cook.  
FRONT ROW: D. Harding, E. Davidson, R.C. Stannard, (coach), B. Edgar.

GIRLS' HOCKEY TEAM 1922

STANDING, Left to Right: J. Redig, D. Farnalls, Mr. Bissonnette, E. Davidson, A. Sherer. SEATED: R. McLean, B. Edgar, L. Campbell, R. Ellis, M. McLean.

SENIOR HOCKEY TEAM 1922

LEFT TO RIGHT: Brunsden, McKee, Waldron, Lewis, Malyon, Garrison, Martin, Stephenson, Hay, Manning, Bissonnette.



1927 - '28



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FIELD DAY CHAMPIONS-1931  
Gordon Morphy and Peggy Wolferstan.



BOYS' TEAM 1931

LEFT TO RIGHT: D. Bresee, J. Shaw, C. Webber, C. Fairbanks, L. Ditzler, L. Roen, J. Case, D. McFadden, R. Ure, H. Cripps, C. Reilly, absent.



GIRLS' TEAM 1931

LEFT TO RIGHT: R. Jorgensen, P. Wolferston, R. Unland, W. Laycock, H. Tiltgen, S. McComb, A. Linden, H. Kyle, absent.



GYM CLASS 1930



GIRLS' TEAM 1935

BACK ROW, Left to Right: Mary Moran, Helen Schimpf, Stella Sokvitne, Mary Tiltgen, Sybil Hanson, May Standish. FRONT ROW: Gladys Albers, Grace Mueller, M. W. Malyon, (coach), Jessie Nesbitt, Lois Davis.



FIELD DAY CHAMPIONS 1930

John Case and Agnes Linden



GIRLS' TEAM 1936

LEFT TO RIGHT: Lillian Hogg, Laura Church, Norma Hogg, Helen McBride, M. W. Malyon, (coach), Anola Thompson, Irene Ross, Marcella Marx, Louise Fraser, Agnes Peterson. NOT SHOWN: Doris Nevin and Mary Oakes.

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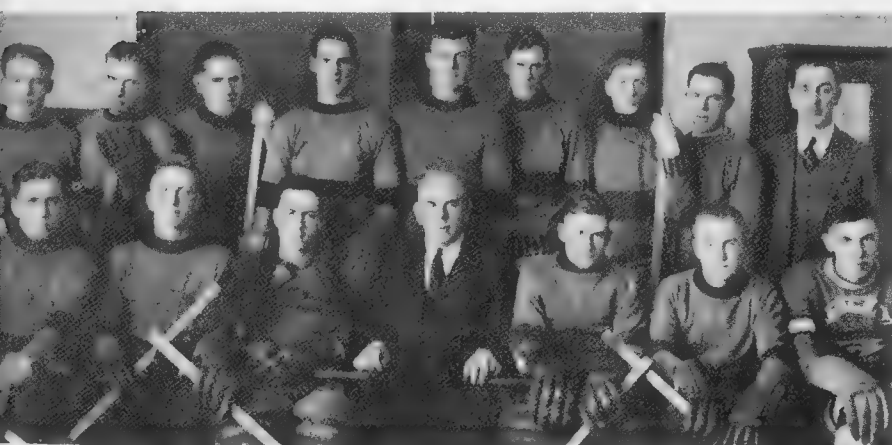
BOYS' TEAM 1934 - 35

BACK ROW, Left to Right: Alf Jevne, Lloyd Rasmussen, Wayne Strang, Harold Block, Garth Colbreck, Bill Laing. FRONT ROW: Walter Johnston, Melvin Haynes, F. F. Parkinson (coach), Allan Duncan, Bob Thirsk.



1957

FRONT ROW, Left to Right: Garry Jones, Elwyn Jones, Robert Skiba, Gordon Church, Lloyd Berreth, Dale Hecker, James Twigg. BACK ROW: Mr. Ogston, Douglas Neis, Bill Rainforth, Robert Simpson, Barry Reiter, Evan MacDonald, Walter Haustein, Lawrence Schmaltz, Alfred Saddleback, Mr. Armstrong.



1936

TOP ROW, Left to Right: D. Marler, R. Coonfer, T. Brown, S. Yelland, G. Walker, D. Smith, R. Trimmer, L. Williams, W. Leonard. FRONT ROW: O. Smith, L. Mellafont, H. Leggett, Mr. McLellan, M. Anderson, J. Thompson, D. McArthur.



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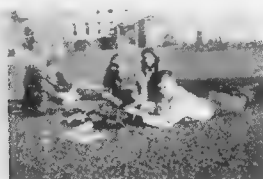
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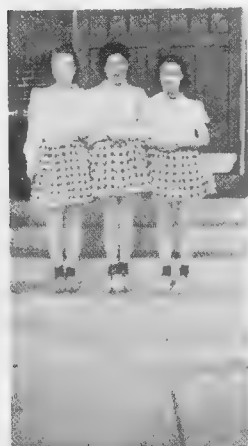
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DEBATING TEAM 1923

COACHES: R.M. Scott, C.A. Weir, E.W. Brunsdon, F. Stevens, J.T. Hyde, J.M. Manson.



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The O. S. A. Orchestra 1926-'27

## Literary Committees 1928 & 1929



I. FLEWELLING  
1928



G. McCune  
PRES. 1928



A. FINKENHAGEN  
1928



P. J. KOCK  
1928



MARIAN COWAN  
SEC. TREAS. 1928



SYD. JENKS  
1928



D. NIELSEN  
1929



R. STONE  
PRES. 1929



R. ROSE  
1929



N. McMILLAN  
1929



H. CAMERON  
SEC. TREAS. 1929



C. F. MORRISON  
1929

## Social Committees 1928 & 1929



D. PICKEL 1928



I. FLEWELLING  
SEC. TREAS. 1928



G. McCune



H. JENSEN 1928



A. FERRIS 1928



J. B. WALL PRES. 1928



J. CAMPBELL  
SEC. TREAS. 1929



J. M. WAULBURGER  
PRES. 1929



G. MACKAY 1929



A. RASMUSSEN 1929



A. FINKENHAGEN 1929



G. CHATTAWAY 1929



50 CHANGING YEARS



1945



1936-'37 Glee Club.

STANDING, Left to Right: Hazel Thomas, Donald Macpherson, Raymond Skaret, Elwood Stringam, David Burke, Bryce Stringam, Anola Thompson. CENTRE ROW: Florence Erickson, Dorothy Hammergren, Gladys McLennan, Mr. Wright (conductor), Helen Menzies, Agnes Peterson, Verna Dye, Esther Hegre. FRONT ROW: Laura Church, Bertha Ragan, Violet Smith, Marion Bennett, Shirley Satchwell. President, Gladys McLennan; Vice-President, Oliver Smith; Secretary-Treasurer, Agnes Peterson.

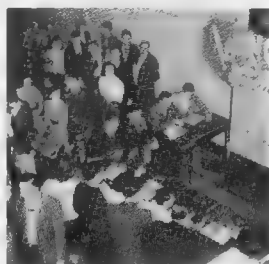


The Choir 1945



1945

Glee Club 1948



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1954 Orchestra

50 CHANGING YEARS



1945 Costume Party



O.S.A. Glee Club 1954



1955 Staff Party



Boys' Dance - 1962



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# Home Economics at the Alberta Schools of Agriculture in the Early Days



1950

In 1913 when three Schools of Agriculture were opened at Olds, Claresholm and Vermilion, provision was made by the Hon. Duncan Marshall for Home Economics classes (Domestic Science as the subject was known then).

Miss Goldie of Guelph, Ontario, was in charge of the work at Olds the first term. In the beginning, Foods, Cooking, Clothing, Sewing, Home Nursing and Household Administration, were taught as well as Mathematics, English, Science, Dairying and Poultry.

I have in mind a picture of a poultry class in 1920 given to the girls by Miss MacDonald of Inverness, Scotland during which they were required to slaughter the birds as well as pluck and draw them. They took a dim view of this operation, a few of them went so far as to faint completely away only to find on regaining their equilibrium they were to be brought back to complete the interrupted piece of work.

The regime at the Schools was not all work, however, and suitable time was given to recreation in the way of games, concerts, music and dancing. The Friday evening "literary" programme, dance and refreshments served afterwards by the students was a real part of the life at the schools.

The students took part in public speaking, debates, and giving an evening's entertainment. Instruction was also given in social amenities. All this tended to give them poise, the ability to think on their feet and a feeling of security which enabled them to meet any situation.

Once during the term there were inter-school debates, hockey and basketball games played off among the three schools; each school taking its turn at being host to the other two. All these activities made for acquaintanceships and good fellowship among both the staff and students of the three schools.

Many interesting people have gone through these halls of learning, not the least of whom was the late Mrs. Wong Pond of Olds, a member of one of the early classes of O.S.A. Many a milestone has been reached, since that far off day in 1915 when eight girls came forward to receive their diplomas.

The future of Home Economics in the Schools of Agriculture is in the lap of the gods, but if the motto of the one at Olds — "Opportunity, Service, Advancement," and that of the Vermilion School "Ever to Excel" are remembered and followed, there should be no doubt as to where they are going.

CHRISTINE MCINTYRE



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## APARTMENT DAZE

None of us who took the old, straight Home Ec. course, can honestly say we have forgotten our days in the practice apartment. Certainly there are hectic days in our own homes, when nothing seems to go right, but there is no one around marking us on how we handle the situation. A guest who forgets an invitation now doesn't make nearly the impact that the couple who forgot to come to my formal luncheon did. I still get a terrible twinge of conscience and glance guiltily over my shoulder to see if Miss McIntyre is there, before I pour a pot of vegetable water **DOWN THE DRAIN**. Nowhere except in "The Apartment" could so many things go wrong. A dish you had been making since you were twelve suddenly came out tasting like sawdust. Aunt Kate's "never-fail" cake" fell flat. The uniform you had to wear to serve a formal dinner mysteriously developed ripped seams. It seems a little impossible when I recall that we produced meals at an average cost of 16¢. And oh! — the mountains of dishes that inevitably filled the sink and spread out on to the cupboard and even the floor!

But through it all ran the fun and laughter (not always completely subdued as you marched into the dining room as "maid") and the hope that everyone would survive. And we did.



Apartment  
1950

## TEAKETTLE MECHANICS

During the early war years, it was suggested that a course in elementary mechanics would prove useful for the girls, and the idea was quickly accepted. Naturally the girls were immediately named, "The Teakettle Mechanics." The boys had a hard time realizing that the fairer sex really meant business, so when they heard that the girls were working on gas engines, they decided to put an end to the nonsense. They issued a challenge to a race to see which group could assemble the gas pump-engine and have it running in the shortest time.

On the appointed afternoon, the girls had the first class, so Mr. Parkinson stripped down the engine, and carefully timed the assembly and starting times. As there was still part of the period left, he asked the girls to strip the motor down again, ready for the boys. When the boys' class got there, they did a quick, efficient job of assembly, beating the girl's time a little. But the engine wouldn't start. The race was lost by the time they discovered that some nameless girl had neatly pressed the points of the spark plug together. There were dark mutterings for days about "those girls are learning too much."



*Teakettle Mechanics*

1943



1928

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# Memories of a Home Economics Student

Memories of life as a Home Economics student at Olds School of Agriculture in 1915-1916 are still very vivid and treasured. This I feel is due to the fine spirit of loyalty and service which characterized the staff and students, under Principal Elliott's capable administration and fatherly concern for our welfare.

Miss Goldie and Miss Davis were our efficient and capable Home Economics instructors, both of whom I have kept in touch with over the years. They made our work interesting and worthwhile. Many V.I.P.'s visited the school at that time to see what was being accomplished at this new venture in education. On many occasions it would mean preparing and serving a big banquet or special meal on very short notice, which proved to be an added opportunity for valued experience under our teachers' exceptional organizational ability.

Our course was a very broad one covering many subjects. We were even permitted to take a class in woodwork while the boys took one in cooking.

Our school life was made up of happy occasions in many spheres of activity. I remember the dances when closing time at sharp midnight came all too soon. Those were the days when the boys greatly outnumbered the girls and — how popular we seemed to be!

Our Literary Society, or "Lit" as we chose to call it, was held every Friday afternoon when we learned to take our part in drama, debating, music, etc., as our talents and inclinations permitted. I remember also our girls' hockey team and our trip to Claresholm.

Each Sunday we looked forward to our large well-attended Sunday School class led by Principal Elliott, at which we had stimulating discussions on our outlook on life — its problems and opportunities.

There were also the visits to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott's home where we were always received like one of a large family.

At our farewell graduating dance a few of us felt we must form an alumni Association to keep in touch with classmates and the O.S.A. From this small beginning the Association has grown to its present strength through the continuing efforts of students and staff over the years.

Congratulations and best wishes for now celebrating a highlight in our history — our Fiftieth Anniversary.

LILLIAN "ARCHIBALD" TOWNSEND.

## WEEKEND AT VERMILION

A hockey team, boys' and girls' basketball teams, badminton players, and a debating team left Olds by chartered bus on Friday and reached Vermilion in time for supper. The blue and gold sweaters really stood out in the dining room that night, to be sure everyone knew that we had arrived. The debating took place Friday evening, and the sports events Saturday afternoon and evening. Saturday morning, we attended lectures with our respective classes — who will ever forget those good old Saturday mornings?

Right now I can't remember exactly who won which events, but the two schools came out fairly evenly in the end. I do remember the fun at the dance, water-bombs in our beds, friendships made, and the feeling that the two schools were very much alike while each retained its own personality.

The trip back to Olds on Sunday gave us time to talk it all over, and to decide to recommend that such exchange trips should be made several times each year. Now I wonder what happened to that recommendation? Probably we were so tired by the time we got back to O.S.A. that we forgot to make it.

MARY (PARKINSON) SMITH.



LILLIAN ARCHIBALD  
MRS. WONG POND  
(1916)  
(Note Uniforms)

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## HOME ECONOMICS AT O.S.A.

Students upon completion of High School usually have some idea as to what they would like to do for a living but I did not know what I wanted to do nor what I could do. When I had been out of school three years it was decided that I should get some practical training in Home Economics that would be useful to me regardless of the field of work I would eventually choose.

At the Olds School of Agriculture and Home Economics I not only learned the practical aspects of Home Economics but there learned that any ability I had appeared to be along this line and that my field of work would be in Home Economics. With my training in Home Economics from the University of Alberta I returned to O.S.A. to teach the subjects in my chosen field to other students who were seeking practical education in the same area.

I sincerely feel that the Schools of Agriculture and Home Economics gave girls a valuable practical training in Home Economics that was not equalled in any other school. The experience that I received both as a student and teacher at O.S.A. has proved extremely valuable in my work in Home Economics.

Even though our educational needs are changing with our times the Schools of Agriculture will, I am sure, continue to provide a valuable education to the girls in our province.

Miss  
HELEN MOSESON  
Assistant Professor  
of Home Economics  
University  
of Alberta



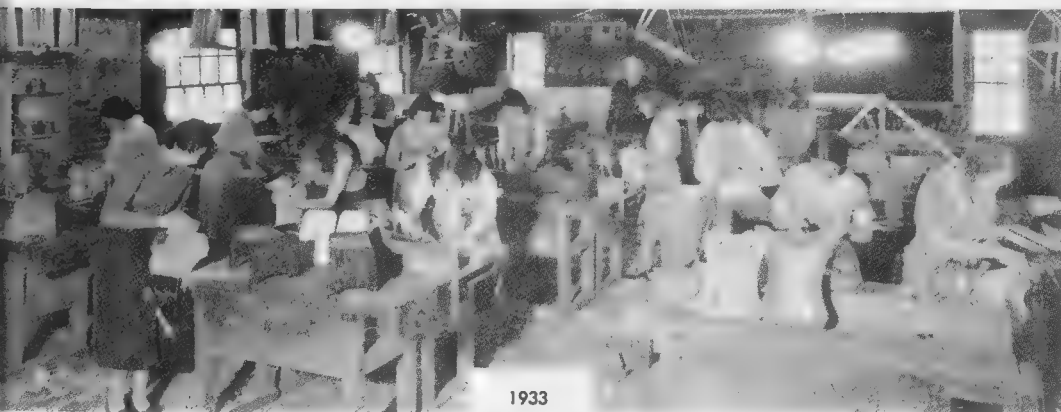
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1954



1930



1933



1926

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## A Few Words From Former Staff Members

We think you will agree that it is impossible to hear from all former staff — or even a majority of former staff members — in a publication such as this, and so we have asked a few of the people who spent many changing years at O.S.A. to recall some of the highlights of these years.

### Twenty Years at the O.S.A. 1929-1949

Some of the hardest, and some of the best, years of our lives, were spent at the O.S.A. We met, and made friends with hundreds of students and staff. We saw the student body dwindle to a low of 65 students in the "Dirty Thirties." Staff members were laid off, and salaries cut, but the O.S.A. carried on.

Then came World War II. Over 300 men and women, students, staff, and staff families, joined the forces. Many of these did not return. We honour their memories.

The War won, the rains came again, and prosperity returned to Alberta. The O.S.A. expanded both in student body and facilities. The outstanding students were the Veterans. From Buck Private to Wing Commander, they came here to make up in a year or two, for the years spent in the Services. They were a grand bunch of men and women.

Looking back from the wrong side of 70, we feel that the years at the O.S.A. were rewarding. We see the students from earlier years as leaders in Community, Professional, and Business life. Our own family still benefit from the associations here.

Above all, we have a host of younger friends that we really got to know in the classroom, shop and gymnasium. We will always enjoy meeting them and re-living some of the happenings of years ago.

At our time of life, these friends are more important than wealth, for who can be so lonely as a wealthy person without friends?

THE PARKINSONS



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## An Ex-Principal Recalls----

My Association with the O.S.A. dates from that of its opening in October, 1913. Instructing in Agronomy and Horticulture was my primary responsibility in the first school year.

In the fall term of the 1913-14 school year, there were four men instructors on the resident staff. Sixty-one students were enrolled.

Two Domestic Science Instructors were added to the staff towards the end of that fall term and thirty-one women were signed on for the spring term of the first school year.

For a number of years after the opening of the Schools of Agriculture, with the idea of curtailing operating costs, itinerant Instructors from the Provincial Department of Agriculture gave weekly lectures at the school in such subjects as Dairying, Poultry, Veterinary Science, Farm Management, Home Nursing, etc.

The Main building referred to by many as "The Old Building" provided the only facilities available for the teaching and social life of the students and office space for the teaching staff. In the fall term of the first year, as an exercise in wood work, the students constructed a building providing accommodation for Blacksmithing at ground level and Carpentry on the second floor. Two years later a second building was constructed, providing space for stock judging, Agronomy and two offices.

There was a moderate growth in the attendance at the O.S.A. during the period 1914 and 1919 notwithstanding the handicap caused by the first world war — 1914-18 and the violent influenza epidemic 1918. The ten-year period following that war witnessed a tremendous increase in annual enrolment. Reaching an average annual attendance for the three years prior to 1930 of two hundred and forty. Associated with this very good patronage was the construction of the Dormitory in 1926.

As indicated previously, my first two years' responsibility at the O.S.A. was in the capacity of an instructor. From the fall of 1915 to the spring of 1919 I was the Principal of the Vermilion School of Agriculture. In April, 1919, I returned to the O.S.A. as Principal and terminated my tenure of office in that capacity in June, 1930.

H. GRISDALE



The Grisdale Family in 1930



MR. GRISDALE - 1953

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Carpentry-Drawing

## The HOLETONS

A member of the original 1913 O.S.A. staff, George Richard (Pa) HOLETON is fondly remembered by colleagues and O.S.A. Alumni. He served the school from 1913 to 1945 and died in 1951.

Mr. HOLETON was a fine artisan and a teacher who drew the best from his students first in Farm Mechanics and later in Carpentry and Drawing. Besides his work as an instructor he served for several years as Vice principal and as an organizer of school fairs.

But thousands of Alumni fondly remember the man "Pa HOLETON" more than they do his achievements. They appreciated his patience, his humorous philosophy, the warmth of his personality, his ability to make each feel important. They will never forget him as a member of the school orchestra, playing his saxophone, long after his health forbade it.

Mrs. HOLETON too endeared herself to all who knew her and contributed generously of her time and talents to the extracurricular life of O.S.A. For years she directed plays with great skill and dramatic sense. Anyone who ever saw "The Bishop's Candlesticks" or, for that matter any play staged under her direction, found it a great experience, not soon forgotten and those so fortunate as to come under her direction in a dramatic production were fortunate indeed. She was most generous too, with her musical talents.

The gracious hospitality of the HOLETON home was widely known. It was outstanding because of the kindly goodwill of Mr. and Mrs. HOLETON. The community too benefited from their unfailing help wherever it was needed — in the church especially but also in other community activities.

(Information for the above supplied by Eleanor McMurty and T. D. Thorson, friends of the HOLETON family, is gratefully acknowledged.)



MR. and MRS. HOLETON

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LEFT TO RIGHT: W. S. Benn, L. D. Wright, G. R. HOLETON, Harry Wright, Alf. Ashcroft.

# Greetings from C.E. Yauch



It is with pleasure and pride that I send greetings for the Jubilee Publication. Having spent 27 years at the O.S.A. it is difficult to put my recollections in a few words.

My centre of activity, in the early years was the laboratory in the old building, where I taught Science to the first and second year boys and girls. I still feel that science is an important part of education, in that it develops clear thinking, logic and analysis, and plays an important part in our understanding of the Nature of things. Later on I changed to teaching Field Crops and Farm Management; and from 1949 - 52 served as Principal of the O.S.A. Extracurricular activities included the publishing of the O.S.A. News Monthly for many years. Then there were the Inter-Class Plays which were a pleasure and a challenge to coach.

The friendships I made during my stay at the O.S.A. both among staff and students were very rewarding, and it is pleasant to meet and exchange greetings with former students as I travel about the Province.

## Observations by E.W. Phillips



E. W. PHILLIPS, B.S.A.  
Animal Husbandry  
Farm Management

My observation of the O.S.A. covers nearly the whole fifty years of its existence, as a student, class '17, staff member, 1926-38 and occasional visitor since.

My best wish for its next half-century is that it may have as able and conscientious Principals and Staff as those I was associated with, and the same fine type of boys and girls as students. Given these, with the modernized programme and facilities, the vision of its founders will no doubt continue to be realized in the future as in the past. I have only the warmest recollections of the time I spent there. I learned much and enjoyed much. I hope that many in the future may be able to say the same with the same sincere appreciation.



"These Are Good Gilts"

**JACK ANDERSON**  
District Agriculturist  
Medicine Hat, Alberta

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# Hugh McPhail

The name of Hugh McPhail has a special place in the hearts of those he served as District Agriculturist and of the students in his classes at O.S.A. His interest in people has enabled him to keep in touch with hundreds, to rejoice in their successes and share their sorrows.

From 1930 to 1937 he taught at the school and did other work for the Department of Agriculture in the summer. In 1937 he added the duties of District Agriculturist to those of teaching and in 1948 he became full time District Agriculturist for the area, from which position he retired in 1954. Starting as a teacher of history and English to the Third Year (Matriculation) class, he taught academic subjects to other students and for a time Field Husbandry and also Economics and Co-operation.

The extension work most loved by Mr. McPhail was that with Junior Clubs. During a very active retirement he meets his boys and girls wherever he goes.



I joined the staff of the Olds School of Agriculture in August, 1930. At that time there was a third year which gave students matriculation to enter Agriculture or Home Economics at the university. I taught History and English. During 1930-31 Worthy Hoover taught the mathematics courses for the third year. For the next four years Fred Dixon taught the Math courses. The Third year was discontinued in 1935.

In addition to my work with Third Year, I taught English and Mathematics in the other classes. When Third Year was discontinued, I taught in addition to English and Mathematics, first year some field husbandry and economics and Co-operation in 2nd year and 2-1 Classes.

I was District Agriculturist at Medicine Hat during the summer of 1935.

In 1937 I was appointed District Agriculturist in the Olds District. For two years this included Calgary District and Drumheller. For nine years I was District Agriculturist and taught at the O.S.A. as well.

Then, for nine more years, till I retired, I was District Agriculturist but not connected with the O.S.A.

HUGH McPHAIL



Mr. McPhail: "Now Penny, give the principal parts of swim."

Penny: "Swim, swam, swum."

Mr. McPhail: "Dim."

Penny: "Dim, da—, say are you trying to kid me?"

1934

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Kempville Agricultural School,

Kempville, Ontario

**ALEX BUCKLEY**

Olds, Alberta

# The Murrays

Mr. James Murray has the distinction of serving as principal for the greatest length of time — 16 years. He piloted the school through the difficult years of depression, war and the postwar period. This he did with skill, wisdom and understanding. He valued the opportunity which he had to serve the rural people of Alberta in this capacity as can be seen by the following quotation:

"My active life of over 50 years embraced many lines of activity in government service, business and teaching. They varied greatly in monetary rewards and personal satisfaction. In the latter regard the principalship of the Olds School of Agriculture heads the list."

As principal, Mr. Murray had a wonderful helpmate. Mrs. Murray was held in high regard by all who knew her. The following tribute from Clara Storch, a student, which appeared in the 1945 yearbook, sums it up very well:

"Just to know Mrs. Murray is to understand why all the students regard her with esteem, and look to her as a guiding star, an example to follow through life. Her presence at all social and literary functions showed her keen interest in young people. We always felt that she was personally interested in each one of us."

Her kindness and thoughtfulness in making her home available to us to entertain at teas has been greatly appreciated by every hostess. When she entertained each class of girls, we not only had an enjoyable evening but felt we were entering the home of our best friend.

Her grand personality adds to the gracious person she is. Her sparkling eyes, infectious laugh, ready wit and sympathetic manner will long be remembered by all. As long as Mr. Murray remains principal, we will feel when we visit O.S.A., we are coming back to see two good friends."



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## Memories----



F. C. McINTYRE  
Cooking, Dietetics

It is with pleasure and somewhat a feeling of nostalgia that I write a few words concerning my association with the Alberta Schools of Agriculture. In 1920, Mr. Marshall opened three additional schools at Gleichen, Raymond and Youngstown. Accordingly, Mr. Meyer the Superintendent of the Schools, was looking for staff and that summer wrote to me at my Ontario home, asking if I would care to apply for a Home Economics position in the Department of Agriculture. As a result of this correspondence, I was delegated to Olds and arrived there in October of that year.

Little did I think on that far off day that I would be with the Schools for thirty one years, twenty two at Olds and eleven at Claresholm; and since my retirement I've been at the Vermilion School three summers.

The students arrived toward the end of October and our winter's work had begun. When spring came, and the students had gone, we began to prepare for school fair work. One of the "jobs" assigned to us was the filling of the paper seed bags to be distributed to various schools in our part of the province. Then one day we started out in the old Ford on our safari armed with the said seeds, Mr. Holeton's red box carrying the rope for the knot instruction and other teaching aids. In July we had the short courses at the schools and in September we were back at the fair work. I remember the time when Mr. Malyon "found the spring in the fall" when searching for water to replace the leakage from the radiator. In spite of delays because of bad roads and all that entails we managed to have a lot of fun through the years.

I must not leave out my work with the Women's Institute, the United Farm Women and other organizations. I think I have visited almost every town in Alberta. In my turn have learned a lot from the Alberta women. I have enjoyed the Extension work as well as the work at the School. It has been rich and rewarding — so many friendships with such fine people, and so many different and interesting experiences! I'm glad I came to Alberta.

CHRISTINE McINTYRE

### MEMORIES OF 1928-29

In thirty-five years many memories fade but 1928-29 was a year which for me was full of action. There was the daily work to be done, teaching, presiding at table, supervising the dorm, but others of that year will remember, too, I am sure, some of the things that linger in my mind, — the pillow-fight, the hog-calling competition (I came second), dancing to that marvel of music, the Panatrope, the basketball games in Calgary (I passed as a student and made the team), the rapid refinement of the first year boys in terms of deportment and manners, Daddy Holeton and his baritone horn, announcing the approach of Santa Claus, the seating of Harold Bellamy on the drinking fountain (the plot to do the same to the Dean failed for lack of courage), invitations to dinner in the Home Economics dining-room, and a general spirit of liveliness and good fellowship which made it a year not to be readily forgotten.

It is a great pleasure to meet from time to time students from that year, to find them in places of leadership and to relive with them the events of 1928-29.

W. H. SWIFT  
Dormitory Dean

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# The O.S.A. in Retrospect-1931-1947



W. S. BENN

To any reader of this book who should happen to read this sketch, it must be made clear that I am writing, briefly, my views of the events and experiences of these many years.

I joined the staff of O.S.A. in 1931, after some years alternating between the schools at Raymond, Vermilion and Claresholm. I was impressed with this capable, conscientious staff, whose personnel changed very little during this long period. The annual enrolment was large, and during the succeeding years a high percentage of boys and girls were graduated and went on to further studies, well equipped, within the limits of the courses prescribed. The annual "Achievement Day" with its Little Royal and Fashion Parade, were important features of the course.

Apart from classroom studies, a happy student life must have its lighter side. Thus, this became a matter of continued concern to the staff, resulting in a carefully planned programme of athletic and entertainment activities. The features of this programme, that concerned me personally, were the literary meetings, debates, programme dances, the orchestra and the annual drama competition, where I found much work and much pleasure. In passing, reference to a full programme of summer activities, including school fair supervision and judging, school fair, short course and club work, it is interesting to note that "Farm Women's Week" and the institution that later developed into the Banff School of Fine Arts, had their beginnings during this period.

Looking back now, I have the impression that these were years of promise, and I am gratified that I was a part of the O.S.A. at that time.

W. S. BENN

## 1938 - 1946

W. H. MEAD, B.Sc.  
Animal Husbandry,  
Farm Management

Through my official duties during the past thirteen years, I have attended countless agricultural meetings, 4-H shows, livestock sales, shows and conventions. It is a rare occasion to attend such events without meeting a number of former O.S.A. students who are engaged in almost every conceivable agricultural enterprise.

During two terms as instructor in A.H. and Dean of Residence, and six years as supervisor of the A.I. lab on campus, during which time I was privileged to play with the O.S.A. orchestra and coach the hockey team, I had close association with hundreds of students both at work and play. Among my most rewarding experiences is meeting so many former O.S.A. students who are now leaders in their chosen fields.

W. H. T. MEAD



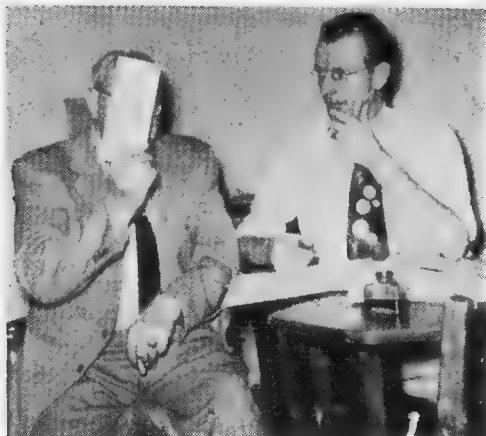
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F. C. JORGENSON  
English, Maths,  
Community Org.



Counselling

## Fred Remembers----

I arrived at O.S.A. (1947) with two suitcases and a box of books.

I entered busy years — supervising young men in residences, teaching English and . . . , working with student social, literary, newspaper, yearbook, and Council committees.

I sensed great enthusiasm — Christmas banquets, Glee Clubs, Little Royals, Achievement Days, Graduations, "lits," dances, picnics, shinanigans, alumni reunions, Farm Women's Weeks!

I left O.S.A. (1956) with a wife (O.S.A. Nurse McKim), three children, houseful of furniture, car, dog — and nine rewarding years with students, staff, and public.

FRED JORGENSON

The years I spent on the staff of the Olds School of Agriculture proved a very happy interlude in my life. It was a stimulating experience after being a farm woman for so many years, to live with a group of rural young people, and watch their development both educationally and socially.

When I think of the hundreds of students who have passed through the school, I feel that they must have left a tremendous impact on the life of rural Alberta. True, some complained about the food the dietitian ordered, but they managed to consume enormous quantities which at times almost appalled me. The school did more for me than I was able to do for it. The staff were wonderfully co-operative and I will always remember the many friends I made there, and the opportunity of meeting so many interesting people.

The future looks promising for the school and on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee I take this opportunity of wishing them every success.

FRANCES A. HODGSON  
Dietitian from 1956-1962



FRANCES A. HODGSON

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# Morley W. Malyon, B.S.A.

Born at Saintfield, Ontario, Nov. 6, 1892; grew up on a farm, received his High Schooling at Uxbridge, Ont.; attended school for two years. In 1914 he enrolled at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. His course was interrupted when he enlisted in the 1st Canadian Tank Battalion and served overseas for two years. After the war he returned to Guelph and graduated with the class of 1920, coming to Alberta to work with the Soldiers' Settlement Board. November 1920 found him one of the instructors at the School of Agriculture in Olds. He was married in October 1921 to Sarah T. Murray, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Murray, at High Bluff, Man. Mr. Malyon retained his position at the O.S.A. until 1954. During the summer months, extension work for the Dept. of Agriculture was so varied, that over the years, Mr. Malyon covered the entire province of Alberta and kept in contact with O.S.A. Alumni. The last three years of his service with the Dept. of Agriculture were spent in Brooks, Alberta where he was Assistant to the D.A. and was in charge of labour and 4-H Clubs.

He retired from the Dept. in 1957. He worked for McCabe's Seed Co. and Spencer Chemical Co. of Kansas City, and is now employed at the Blue Cross Animal Clinic in Olds.

The Malyons have two children, Murray and Eleanor (Mrs. Ted Walshaw) and three grandchildren, all living in Calgary.



"Malmur Place," 1963  
Olds, Alberta.

## Greetings and Felicitations!

Looking back over the years it gives me great pleasure to recall: those who excelled — those who did not; those I expelled — those I locked out.

Those who bounced me in football, tripped me in hockey, but couldn't outshoot me in basketball.

Those who stole hens, swiped butter, ate lbs of cheese, and quarts of ice-cream, but couldn't kill or dress a chicken.

Those who entertained me at Lits; taught me to dance; knew I was Santa Claus; but never what part of Pa Holeyton's reindeer.

Those who were Hoadley Boys — those who were Veterans and those who came far from overseas places.

Those who appreciated my classes, thought I was witty, asked my advice and forthwith forgot it.

Those who drop in, on me and my Gal, to Staff and Alumni who still call me sincerely:

"Mal"



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As student and Principal, I have made O.S.A. my home during fourteen of the past thirty-two years. Entering with limited education, the two year course opened many windows to knowledge. The Matriculation course whetted my appetite for more and so I went to University. Employment at the school between second and third year and during the latter confirmed the feeling of belonging. Others who have served as Principal will agree that this too is a real education.

After eleven years I am grateful for the privilege and for the many fine people I've come to know.

A SALUTE — — — —

Conceived in the minds of adventurous men  
Born when our province was new  
Nurtured in a pioneer land  
Seasoned by war and depression  
Guided with vision and zeal  
Alma mater to thousands we know  
The best of Alberta's farm youth  
Our School in her fifty-first year.

What of her future? You ask  
She'll grow with the province she serves  
She'll change with agrarian growth  
She'll find new ways to serve  
But her role will stay close to the Soil!

J. E. BIRDSALL, '33  
Principal

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Wayne and Bernice Price  
Crossfield, Alberta

### OUR MINISTERS

The Ministers of Agriculture who have served Alberta since the Schools of Agriculture were first considered, have each had an influence on them for good or ill. Undoubtedly the strongest supporters were Hon. Duncan Marshall and Hon. Frank Grisdale.

The support of all of these men is gratefully acknowledged. It is doubtful if the first Minister had anything to do with them. We owe a real debt to Hon. Harry E. Strom, under whose direction the schools became colleges, and the programme was changed.

For posterity we present the complete list:—

	TERM OF OFFICE
Wm. T. Finlay	1905 - 1909
Duncan Marshall	1909 - 1921
George Hoadley	1921 - 1934
Frank S. Grisdale	1934 - 1935
Wm. Neelands Chant	1935 - 1937
D. B. Mullen	1937 - 1940
D. B. MacMillan	1940 - 1948
D. A. Ure	1948 - 1953
L. C. Halmrast	1954 - 1962
Harry E. Strom	1962 -

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## Farm Women's Week

— by MRS. ISOBEL H. TOWNSEND, ORIGINATOR.

It is with great pleasure that the farm women of Alberta look back on the thirty three years of holiday weeks. Every year the call has gone out through W. I. and F.W.U.A., and there has been a gratifying response.

The people who plan the week so expertly know we need a diversified program, that is how we live in rural areas. We always feel we are welcome guests since our every need is foreseen and our meals so good. The Week stays with us too. We gain new ideas, new friends and a new outlook. There are no meals to prepare, no dishes to wash, and we need not even attend lectures unless we want to.

The last evening is always a memorable one, when a banquet is prepared just for us and the amateur hour which follows gives us a chance to display our talents and entertain each other. The rhythm band, with a group of the ladies as performers, has been a special feature of the program most years. The participants enjoyed it as much as their audience.

## Farm Women's Week

— by JAMES MURRAY, PRINCIPAL 1930-'46

Thirty-three years have slipped away since the first Farm Women's Week was held at O.S.A. It is quite vividly remembered since in the same month we moved to the Olds School where each year until 1946 we were to welcome a group of rural women for a special program.

Times were hard on Alberta farms in the early thirties, and while the cost of the course was most moderate, the fact that there was any cost kept some away. The attendance was about thirty the first year and of these a few were there only because their expenses were paid by local Women's Institutes and U.F.W.A.'s. Numbers grew until finally we had to restrict applications. We were glad to see many return year after year.

In arranging the programs an effort was made to provide some entertainment, a little instruction on topical subjects — sewing, handicrafts, cooking, horticulture, etc. Our own teaching staff — Miss McIntyre, Miss Switzer, Miss Moseson, Mr. Kemp — were each called on to take a class or two and were available at other times for consultation. Special speakers were also brought in.

We were fortunate in having as Dean of Residence, women who made a major contribution to the success of the courses. Miss Lilian Rogers and Miss Jean Gordon were equally at home in welcoming guests and putting them at their ease. In our time at the O.S.A. we ranked the farm women as first of the many groups that came for short courses.



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# Alberta Women's Institute Girls' Clubs

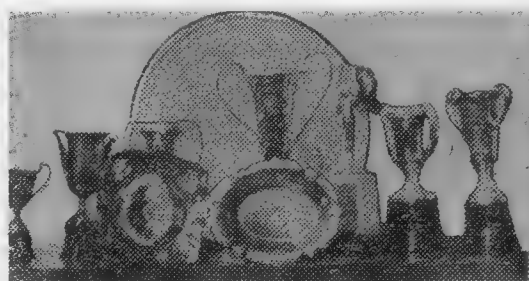
Unique to Alberta are the Women's Institute Girls' Clubs which follow somewhat the same programs as 4-H clothing and food clubs but allow members to join at a much younger age, six years.

The highlight of the year is the annual convention usually held the second week in July. Club supervisors help run the week and the girls enter various competitions: sports, short stories, public speaking, handicrafts, with individual awards and a cup to the club with the highest total.

Some of the many projects carried on by these girls are: bake sales, quilt making, afternoon teas, mosaic tiling, huck weaving, making stuffed toys, taking part in Armistice parades, knitting squares for Korea and collecting at Hallowe'en for UNICEF, making hospital ward scrapbooks from old cards, used toys collected for the Red Cross; all these besides sewing and cooking arts, knitting and crocheting, embroidery and mending, copper tooling and — of special interest to these clubs — writing short stories.



MRS. H. J. RICHARDSON  
Provincial Supervisor  
A.W.I.G.C.



A.W.I.G.C. Trophies

The Alberta Women's Institute Girls' Clubs salute the Olds School of Agriculture on the Golden Jubilee of the School. We offer warmest congratulations on Fifty Years of Achievement.

It has been a privilege for the A.W.I. Girls' Clubs to share the advantages of the School for their Annual Summer Conventions. The first convention held at the Olds School was in July 1932 with Mrs. C. R. Wood (now M.L.A.) of Stony Plain as the Supervisor. The programme adopted included studies on education, home, health, citizenship, nature and handicraft for both Junior and Senior Clubs. This programme of studies formed a basis for the building of character through educational work and social activities. Leadership was given by the Principal and

Staff of the School and Olds was voted an ideal place for the Conventions.

A similar plan has been followed year after year with many variations: horticulture, short story writing, dramatics, public speaking, parliamentary procedure, fashion shows, formal teas, sports and amateur programmes — all in all a very well rounded programme.

A Yearbook with proceedings of the Convention has been published each year, keeping intact the work accomplished by the Clubs. One hundred and seventeen girls attended the 1962 Convention with Mrs. E. Richardson of Didsbury as the Supervisor.

And so, year after year, for thirty years, the Alberta Women's Institute Girls' Clubs have held their Conventions at Olds, gaining in knowledge, leadership, tolerance, and most of all learning to live with others. May we express our appreciation to the Principal and his Staff for the wonderful manner in which the Olds School has served the Alberta Women's Institute Girls' Clubs.

MRS. T. H. HOWES

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# The Board of Agricultural Education

The following extracts will explain how the Board is constituted and the purpose for which it has been established:

"An Act respecting Schools of Agriculture (Chapter 11, 1913).

"Clause 7 — There shall be and is hereby constituted a Board of Agricultural Education to be composed of nine members, three of whom shall be graduates of an Agricultural College, to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council . . . . ."

"Clause 15 — The Board, together with the Minister, shall prepare the scheme of practical and scientific work to be done by students attending each and every school, shall prescribe the course of study, appoint examiners, and shall in addition be an advisory Board to aid the Minister in all agricultural educational work."

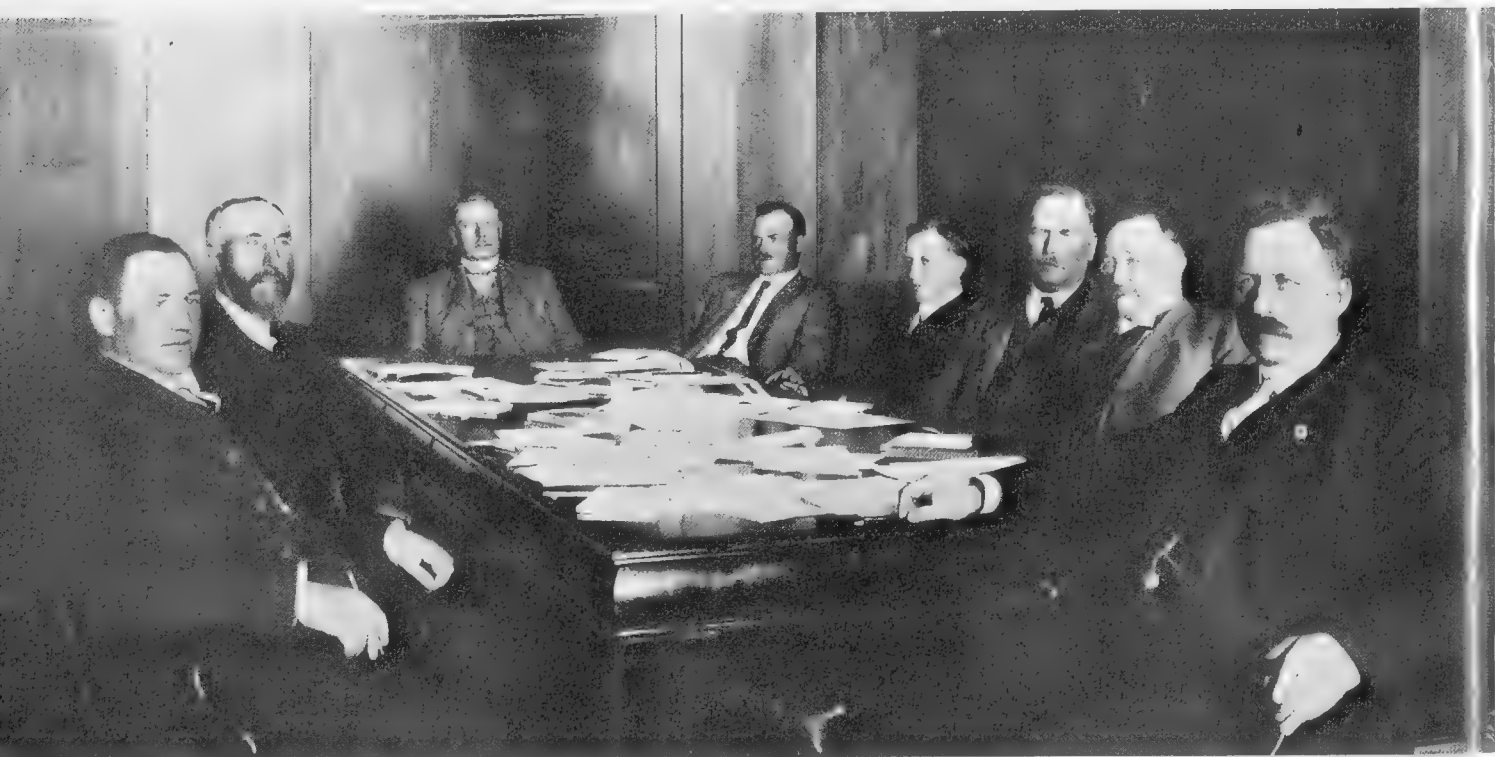
The above was taken from a report of Schools of Agriculture and Demonstration Farms published in 1914. The early Board was definitely a working board and held many meetings. One of the biggest tasks they faced was the preparation of the curriculum of the schools. While it operated it served as an advisory board to the Minister of Agriculture.

After a few years the Board ceased to function but in 1948 it was revived. One of the first tasks of the new Board was to consider the establishment of a new school of Agriculture in the Province. The decision to build a new school and to place it at Fairview was not a unanimous one. Some members felt that improvement of facilities at the existing schools would be the wiser course. Others supported other locations. In spite of these differences the school was built at Fairview and opened in 1951.

After the Board was revived, the Alumni of the Vermilion School of Agriculture made successful representation to have the Alumni Associations of the Schools represented on it. The first representative was Mr. Walter Perley of Thorsby, a V.S.A. graduate. He served until 1956 when he was replaced by Angus McKinnon of Calgary, a member of the first graduating class at O.S.A. Angus served two 2-year terms and was succeeded by Mr. Laurie Blades of Ohaton, a V.S.A. graduate and for several years an instructor at that school.

The present incumbent is Mr. Frank Stevenett, of Innisfail, another member of the O.S.A. class of 1915.

During recent years the Board has faced many difficult problems. Many of the recent changes and improvements are directly attributable to the conclusions reached in Board meetings.



THE FIRST SESSION OF THE BOARD

LEFT TO RIGHT: Marshall, McArthur, Rutherford, Murray, Richardson, Wright, Drewery, Dr. Tory.

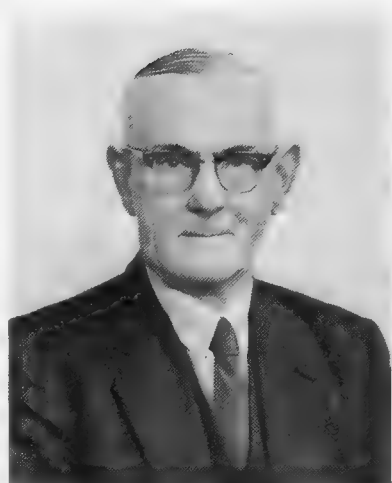
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Present Board of Agricultural Education



L. ROBERTSHAW

This is the gentleman responsible for the construction of the buildings at the Demonstration Farms at Medicine Hat, Claresholm, Olds, Vermilion, and Stony Plain. He also worked on the Parliament Building and the Court House.

Returning to England in 1914, Mr. Robertshaw has lived in Yorkshire ever since.

He came to Canada again in 1963 and, in the company of friends, visited the farms that still exist.

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**THE STILES FAMILY**

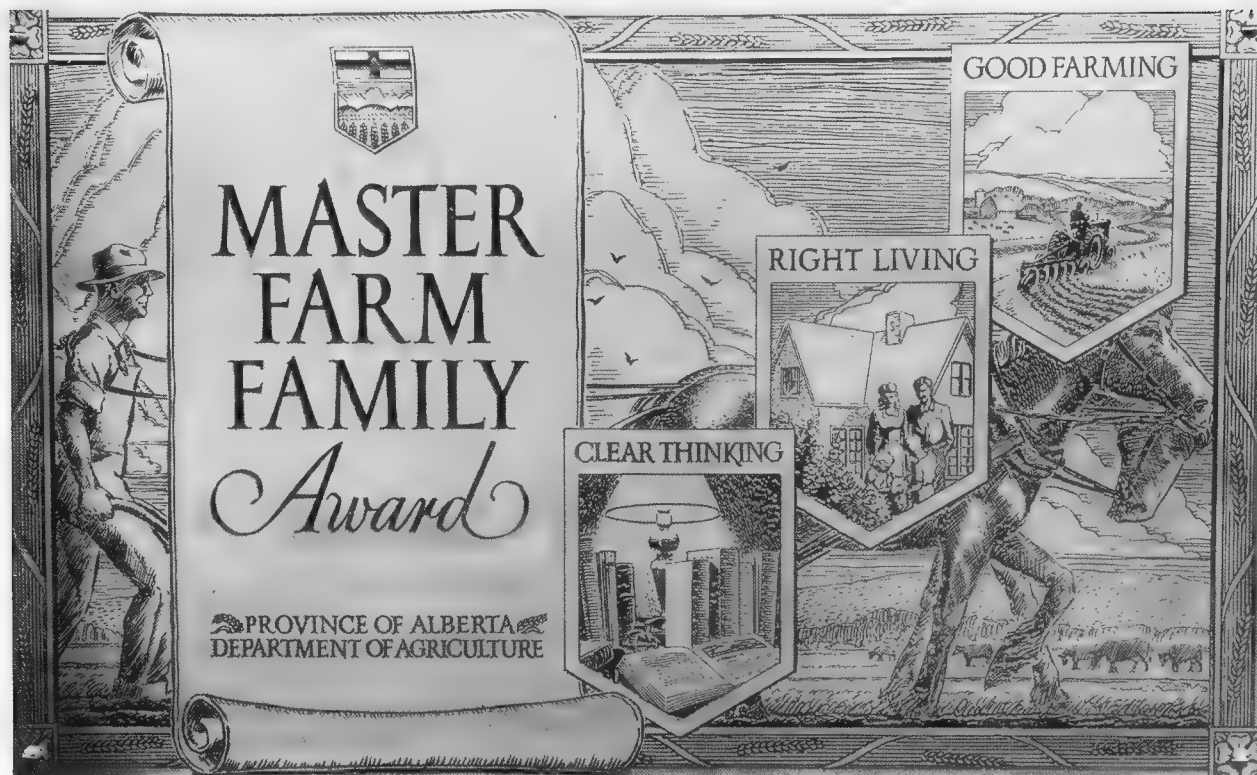
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# Master Farm Family Award



## O.S.A. FARMERS

Graduates of O.S.A. have made their greatest contribution as farmers and farmers' wives. Their success as farm people in most cases is not confined to the narrow field of financial progress. They have with rare exceptions, discharged their responsibility to the soil, to their homes and to their communities.

Since the Alberta Master Farm Family programme uses a scoring system based on all these measures of success it is interesting to note that of 53 families named between 1949 and 1962, twenty six have had one or more members attend a school of Agriculture and 18 of these had their connection with O.S.A.

This suggests not only that Master Farm Families realize the need for Vocational training but also that graduates of Schools of Agriculture are more likely to achieve real success in farming than others.

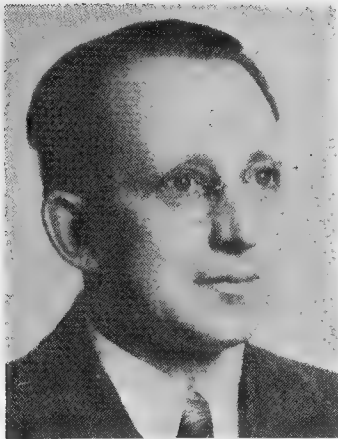
## O.S.A. MASTER FARM FAMILIES

HEAD OF FAMILY	MEMBER ATTENDED O.S.A.
W. J. Edgar, Innisfail	Son, George, and 2 sisters
Emile Cammaert, Rockyford	Daughter, Margerite
Roy Ballhorn, Wetaskiwin	Nephew, Gordon
Victor Watson, Airdrie	Son, Allen
Jesse Cole, Clive	Jessie Cole and sons Gerald and Ronald
E. R. Lewis, Winterburn	E. R. Lewis
J. H. Schmalty, Beiseker	Sons, Clarence and Norman
Lester Lohr, Erskine	Son, Marvin
Adam Buyer, Carbon	Son, Morley
W. R. Storch, Garden Plains	Six nieces
Alfred Rose, Rocky Mtn. House	Son, Alfred
A. M. Robertson, Carstairs	Son, Donald
H. M. Haney, Iron Springs	Son, Leonard
J. R. Crozier, St. Albert	Daughter, Shirley
Arthur Bates, Acme	Son, Robert Delroy
E. Schielke, Carstairs	Son, Harold

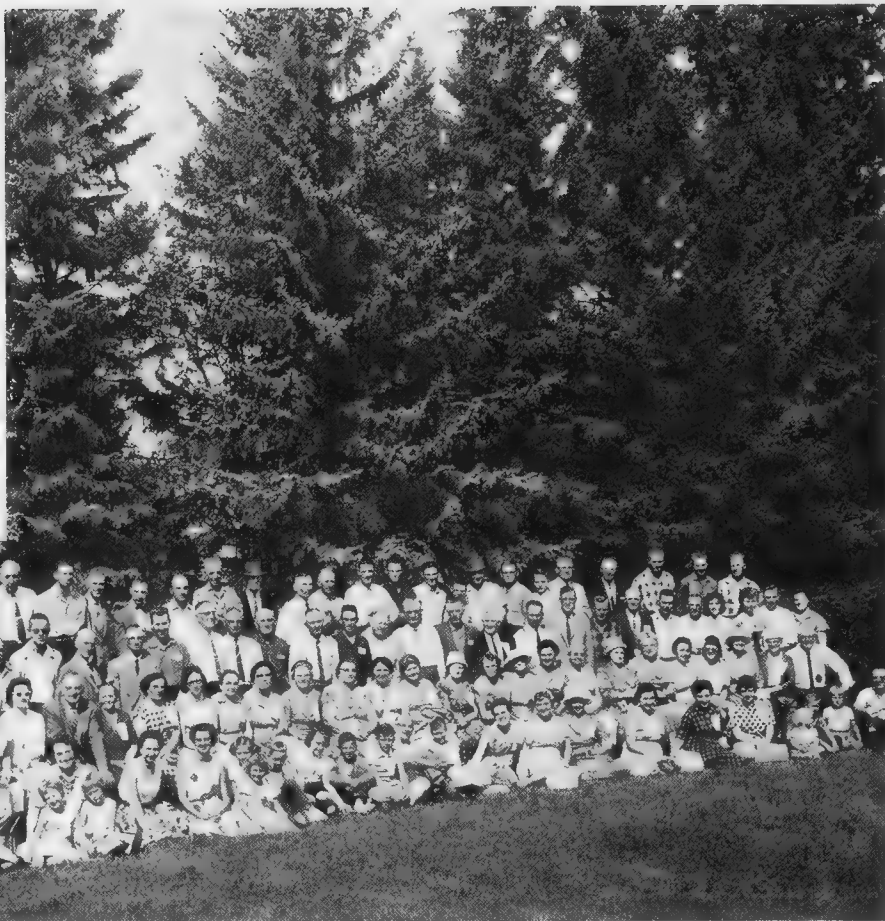
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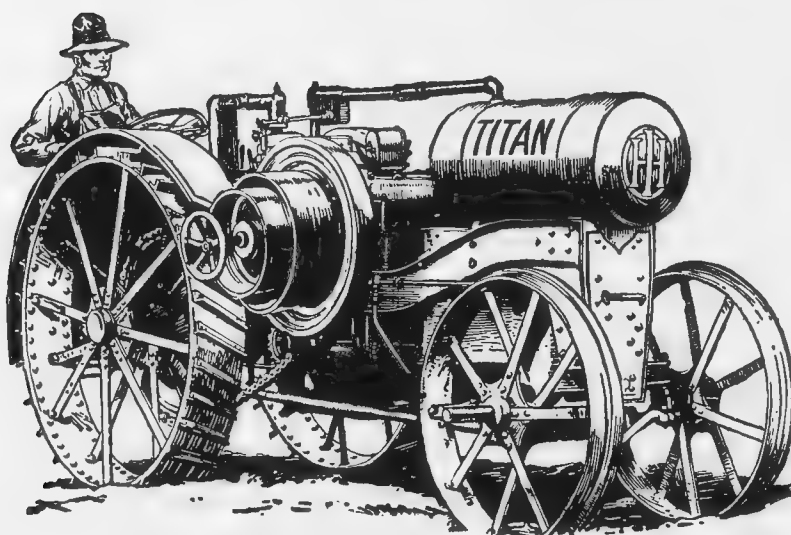


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Minister of Agriculture  
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O.S.A., August 26, 1961

## The 10-20 Titan Tractor



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## Service in Two Wars

O.S.A. students and graduates rallied to the colors in both the first and second world wars. Some returned to civilian life unharmed, some returned handicapped in one way or another while some made the supreme sacrifice.

In 1926 through the efforts of the Alumni Association, a large clock was placed in the main building along with a plaque bearing the names of those who served in World War I, with the names of those who lost their lives suitably marked.

With so many more people involved, it would have been a very difficult task to gather the names of those who served in World War II, so it was not done. In 1962 a start was made to bring alumni records up to date. If this is carried to completion it may still be possible to get the names and take steps to recognize their service.



OUR RETURNED VETERANS

BACK ROW: A. Thibaut (Croix de Guerre), W. R. Brown, W. Whiteside, S. Sheppard, E. W. Robinson, C. Murdoch. FRONT ROW: L. H. Foster, I. Garrison, W. M. Martin, B. W. Banks, C. L. Huskins.

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# The Post World War II Years

by E. A. PATCHING, DEAN OF MEN 1945-'47.

The years immediately following World War II were, in a sense, trying times and yet they were satisfying ones for O.S.A. The flood of servicemen who were being rehabilitated and the students out of high school, pushed enrollment to record levels. Classes were at times crowded and it was necessary for many students to find accommodation in the town. Then, too, perhaps as never before, there was a wide range in ages and interests.

But despite the "full house" and these differences, the immediate postwar years were happy ones at O.S.A. and passed by with a minimum of problems. Principals James Murray and Fred Miller gave excellent guidance and veteran instructors were able to give valuable advice and lend a helping hand to greenhorns at the teaching game, such as I was. Students, being on the average more mature than usual, worked hard. Many had outstanding scholastic records and the majority have been successful in their post school undertakings.

The postwar classes excelled in sports and other extracurricular activities. The good "School Spirit" sometimes showed in the form of pranks such as the early morning raid on April Fool's Day, pudding flipping during meal time and garbage tins rolling down the stairs in the middle of the night. Romances flourished too and in many cases these led to the altar.

In summary I would say those were good years and I was fortunate to have a part in them.

During the war the Association kept a list of ex-students who were in the Armed Forces. As word reached us concerning such enlistments the names were added. We know that this list is very incomplete, but it is as complete as we could make it by way of correspondence and through the O.S.A. News. As it stands now we have the following:

78 men in the Army  
24 men in the Navy  
100 men in the Air Force.

Of these, nine have been reported killed. Four have received the D.F.C., and one the D.F.M.

In addition seven women were members of the C.W.A.C., and thirteen were in the R.C.A.F. (W.D.)

Excerpt From 1945-'46 O.S.A. Yearbook

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Hereford Cattle

## Dr. Robert D. Sinclair



Dr. Sinclair  
Judging The Little Royal

To thousands he was known as Bob Sinclair; to his Animal Science students as Dr. Sinclair and to those who attended U. of A. in Agriculture between 1942 and 1948 as the Dean. Whatever he was called, it was usually with admiration, affection and respect. No higher tribute to him as a Professor can be paid than to record the well known fact that students didn't willingly miss his lectures even when they were at 8:30 a.m.

Graduating from O.S.A. in 1915 and from U. of A. in 1919 he taught at O.S.A. in 1919-'20 and joined the University Staff in 1922 where he stayed until his untimely death in 1950. He received an M.Sc. from the University of Iowa in 1926 and a Ph.D. from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1932.

In 1949, the Agricultural Institute of Canada, of which he had served as President, honored him with its highest award by naming him a "Fellow" — and truly he was a grand fellow!



## Some Former Students

SWAIN SWAINSON of Red Deer was the second student to register at O.S.A. His friend and later brother-in-law Tom Sigurdson was the first. Swain's son Alfred was the first second generation student.

Swain and his wife Sturna (nee Sigurdson) raised a fine family of four daughters and six sons, built up a farm of 5 quarters and have both been active in church and other community activities, also in co-operatives and farm organizations.

Swain is a fine example of an O.S.A. graduate who found success and a good life on the farm. He gives a lot of credit to the school and to the staff of his time, particularly to Mr. Elliott, Mr. Holeton, Mr. Grisdale, and Mr. Fowler.



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Angus Cattle

## Sheila Marryat

Born at Linsfield, Surrey, England in 1889, to Colonel and Mrs. Ernest Lindsay Marryat, Sheila received her early education at a girls' school near No. 14 Earl's Court, London, where the family had moved.

Colonel Marryat, upon retiring from the army, decided to visit his eldest daughter who was the wife of a pioneer rancher, Walter C. H. Parlby, in Central Alberta. He fell in love with the country and emigrated with his wife and members of his family still at home, including the youngest Sheila. In 1905 they settled on the east shore of Haunted Lakes near what was soon to become the village of Alix. The nearest railway station was then at Lacombe.

Here Sheila grew up, enjoying the adventures of the new land but also going on a trip around the world with her parents.

Returning to Alix and Haunted Lakes Ranch, Sheila and her cousin, Norah Trench made a business of poultry raising and supplying eggs and dressed poultry to the Canadian Pacific Railway's transcontinental dining cars.

In 1918, feeling the need for more education, she enrolled in Agriculture at the Olds School of Agriculture. After graduation she entered the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Alberta and received a B.Sc. in 1923: quite an unusual choice for a girl at that time.

Apart from her work as a student, Sheila's greatest interest was the Dramatic Club of which she became president. A very clever actress herself, Sheila was often in demand as a director of plays.

In the later 1920s when radio station CKUA was being organized, Miss Marryat was invited by the University President, Dr. Robert Wallace to become Radio Secretary and Director of Programmes. The radio dramas performed by the University players under her direction will long be remembered.

Radio broadcasting was now her work and to perfect her very great natural talents she went to England in 1933 to take a course at the London School of Speech and Drama. On this visit to her homeland she also attended performances of Shakespeare's plays at Stratford on Avon. In 1938 she joined the C.B.C. in Winnipeg as Talks Producer for the Prairie Region.

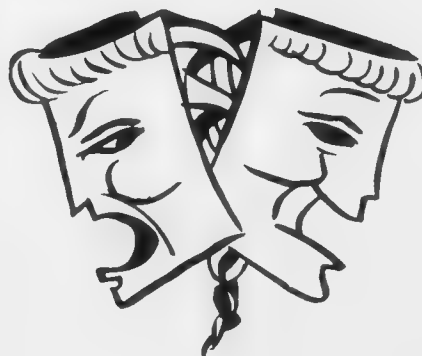
In 1940 Miss Marryat retired to a beautiful acreage at Beaver Lake Road, Royal Oak, just north of Victoria, B.C. Here once again, she enjoyed her hobby of gardening and, when the work of her acreage was beyond her strength, the same spirit of order and beauty pervaded her suite on Beach Drive overlooking the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

The last days came and went as peacefully as much of her life. The end came in midsummer 1962 but the memory of Sheila Marryat's warm personality, high ideals and rich sense of humor will remain with her friends always.



1919 LITERARY COMMITTEE

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## Mrs. Susie E. Atkinson



An illustrious alumnus is Susie E. (Wright) Atkinson who took one year in 1918-19 and completed her course in 1925-26. Further education was gained at Canadian Mothercraft in Toronto following which she nursed for three years.

Her first experience in public service was as Secretary of the School fair at Lacombe from 1920-26 and as head cook for the school fair winners for three summers.

Her marriage in 1936 to Mr. E. A. Atkinson of St. Albert terminated with his death in 1956. She then, with her son Donald, moved back to Lacombe where they farmed very successfully.

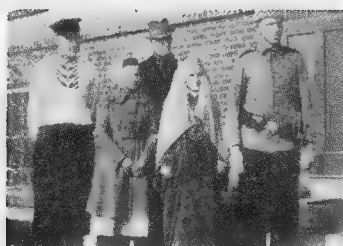
Other public service has been with 4-Hand in 1961 she became not only the first Woman Councillor in the new County of Lacombe, but the first Councillor in a rural Municipality or County in Alberta. She serves on several county committees. She also serves on the Board of Agricultural Education for the Province as a member at large.



## School of Community Life

In the late 1930s Donald Cameron, Director of Extension for the University of Alberta, having studied the Danish Folk Schools, felt something of that type could serve a useful purpose in Alberta. It was with this in mind that he started Schools of Community Life at several points in Alberta.

The first School of Community Life at O.S.A. was held from June 24 to July 10, 1937. Lectures covered international affairs, rural sociology, home making, dramatics, co-operatives, agriculture, English, literature and citizenship. Similar schools were held again in 1938 and 1939.



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# O.S.A. Breeding Centre Pioneered Artificial Insemination in Alberta

During 1962 between 85 and 90 thousand cows were bred artificially in Alberta in about 8,500 herds. This important impact on Cattle Improvement had its origin, so far as Alberta was concerned, in the establishment of the Artificial Breeding Centre at the O.S.A. during the summer of 1943. This work was originally under the directive of an Advisory Committee composed of James Murray, Principal, O.S.A. Chairman; O.S. Longman, Deputy Minister; Dr. P. R. Talbot, Prov. Veterinarian; Prof. J. P. Sackville, U. of A.; W. K. Ross, Farm Manager, O.S.A.; John McCulloch, C.P.R. Agricultural Representative representing the Alberta Holstein Association, who was later replaced by Mr. J. W. Hosford; and W. H. T. Mead, Supervisor of A. I. as Secretary.

Although a breeding centre operated at the O.S.A. from late 1943 until December 31st, 1956 and during that time 11,460 cows, 4,622 of them registered Holsteins were inseminated from that centre, it might be said that the greatest impact during that period on what was to later become a widespread practice was the practical extension work which acquainted cattle producers with the possibilities, limitations and economic aspects of A.I. The ground work carried out from this Breeding Centre set the stage for general public acceptance of A.I., which resulted in the rapid expansion to most areas of the province which came with the advent of frozen semen and the importation of both frozen and chilled semen from Ontario and British Columbia.

The O.S.A. farm provided an ideal, centrally located environment for this pilot project.



## GLENAFTON RAG APPLE ARCHITECT

One of Alberta's outstanding Holstein bulls. He was used extensively in the A.I. program from the O.S.A. and is listed as a "star" bull in the Holstein "Who's Who" with 128 B.C.A. daughters with 104-M and 103F. Also with 169 classified daughters with 61% good plus or better.



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# Long-Term Employees

## THEY SERVED WELL AND FAITHFULLY

The story of O.S.A. would be incomplete without mention of the people who have kept the school and farm going so the teaching staff could do their job and the students get their training. Since all cannot be mentioned, notes about a few must serve to recognize the contribution of the many. We know that deserving people will be missed but space is our master.

THEODORE MOE was with the School from the beginning and served until some time in the '30s as janitor in the Main Building. Since that was the only building in 1913 and janitors were also boiler men, he was a one-man department. There were many problems when the School first opened; Mr. Moe was very excitable and spoke English with a strong Norwegian accent and so many amusing incidents occurred. He added color to the School's history and did his work conscientiously.



Ma and Pa Jackson

PETE ERICKSON after graduation in 1924 took the Third Year Course and was then employed at O.S.A. He filled the position of plot foreman until the late '40s. During that time he took a keen interest in the experimental work that was carried on and indeed carried it on with a minimum of direction from the principal. A great deal of credit is due Pete for his part in the development of Olds Creeping Red Fescue. Like Theodore Moe, Pete was excitable and he spoke with a Danish accent that sometime obliterated the English. He too, left a colorful page in the history of O.S.A.

MR. DAVID WATKIN served the School from about 1916 until some time in the '30s. Starting out in charge of the boarding house he became plot teamster and then gardener for many years. A fine gentleman, he did his job with devotion and skill. Though a humble man he commanded such respect that almost everyone knew him as "Mister" Watkin and only his closest friends called him by his first name.

MA AND PA JACKSON were just that to a host of young people who attended O.S.A. in the late twenties and on into the 30's. Ma as housekeeper in the girls' dormitory kept things under control for six years on that side while Pa as caretaker in the boys' dormitory made life interesting for the boys for 19 years. They both took a keen interest in the students and so have hundreds of friends who know them as Ma and Pa. Though advanced in years they still live in Olds. In 1962 they celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Their daughter Peggy, efficient head waitress at O.S.A. before her marriage in the '30s, is Mrs. Arthur George of Delburne and a grandmother.

BILL BURNS we would mention as a farm worker who devoted many years to the position of herdsman. He had the Scots' love of animals and a thorough knowledge of his work. Bill and Mrs. Burns live on a farm west of Bowden. They have grandchildren and great grandchildren living in the district.

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## Itinerant Instructors



A unique feature of the schools of Agriculture over the years has been the use of itinerant instructors. These instructors served all the schools and in most cases in addition to holding some other responsible position.

In 1913-'14 we find that in addition to a permanent staff of six at O.S.A., the following itinerant instructors or visiting lecturers assisted with the teaching:—

Alex Galbraith, Special lecturer on horses; Bryce Wright; H. A. Craig, Superintendent of Demonstration Farms; Sydney Carlyle, Assistant Superintendent of Experimental Farms; Dr. P. R. Talbot, Provincial Veterinarian; A. W. Foley, Poultry Superintendent; W. F. Stevens, Livestock Commissioner; H. S. Pearson, Dairying Instructor; and Geo Harcourt, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

As the staff of the school increased there were fewer guest lecturers but over the years such fields as Veterinary Science, Irrigation, Apiculture and Fur Farming have usually been covered by competent people not on the regular staff. In addition it has been the practice in recent years to invite Heads of Branches, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and certain other Federal, Provincial and University officials to outline the work for which they were responsible. This has been true in both Agriculture and Home Economics.



The Bees Arrive



The Experimental Plots



Hibernal Apples  
in O.S.A. Orchard



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# 4-H and the Schools of Agriculture

— by C. L. USHER

This year both the Schools of Agriculture and 4-H are celebrating their 50th Anniversary. This fact of course is coincidental as the first junior club was organized at Roland, Manitoba and was in no way associated with the founding of the Schools here. There has, however, always been in Alberta a very close association between the Schools of Agriculture and the 4-H program. This association dates back to 1917 when in the spring of that year, W.J. Elliot, Principal of Olds School of Agriculture organized at Olds the first boys' and girls' club in Alberta. The project taken was swine. It is interesting to note that the main purpose Mr. Elliot had in mind was to help upgrade the quality of swine being raised in the area.

The year 1917 also saw the first glimmer of girls' clubs. This work was in the Vermilion and Claresholm areas and was promoted by the home economics instructors at the Schools of Agriculture. Girls eight years of age and older were enrolled in several clubs in each area. They met once a week during the summer to receive instruction in sewing, cooking, canning and Red Cross work.

In the early years of Junior clubs or 4-H most of the organization and direction of the program was assumed by staff members of the Schools of Agriculture. This, along with the School Fair program, provided summer employment for these people and filled a need which existed. Gradually, however, as district agriculturists became established the work of 4-H was transferred to them.

In the fall of 1942 the Department decided to transfer all junior livestock club activities from Edmonton to O.S.A. where School staff could be used in this work. The field crops clubs were added in 1944. In spite of this move the Supervisor of Junior Activities, Mr. W.H. Grandier, was still located in Edmonton and year later club work was again transferred to Edmonton where it has remained.

The first club leaders course was held at O.S.A. in 1941. These courses have been continued annually at the Schools and have provided leaders with an opportunity to discuss 4-H and at the same time become better acquainted with the work of the Schools.

The 4-H club week program begun in 1942 has proved to be another close tie between 4-H and the Schools. Today club week provides a major award for nearly 500 club members annually.

In 1943 the Provincial Junior Seed Fair was established at O.S.A. and for four years was held in conjunction with the Little Royal. This fair annually attracts several hundred entries and while now held in Calgary still offers a challenge for Junior Judges selected from the student body at the Schools.

The National 4-H Club Week Program which had its early beginning in 1924 has always involved the selection of Provincial representatives. In recent years the entire selection has been at Provincial 4-H Elminations held annually at O.S.A. This event brings into association with the School each year about 200 senior 4-H members.

An increasingly popular program activity of clubs is to spend a day at one of the Schools sometime during the year. This helps give members an insight into the program offered to regular students and undoubtedly encourages some to attend.

About 50% of the students enrolled at the Schools of Agriculture in recent years have been members of 4-H clubs. Many of these following their college training have been returning to their home communities and assuming the responsibility of 4-H leadership. Their training in 4-H and at the School has equipped them well for this work.

The most recent development linking 4-H and the Schools has been the organizing of a College 4-H Club on the Campus of O.S.A. The purpose of this is to allow students at the School to maintain some affiliation with 4-H while attending college.

In all these activities mentioned the staff of the Schools have been very much involved. Further to this they still assist with numerous 4-H activities in the country and through this work maintain a liaison between the Schools and 4-H.

The programs offered by the Schools of Agriculture and 4-H have always basically been designed to assist rural young people in preparing themselves for work in Agriculture, Homemaking and as useful citizens. Through working closely together much more has been accomplished than would have been possible by going separate ways.

The 4-H clubs of Alberta today congratulate the Schools of Agriculture on reaching their 50th anniversary.

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C. L. USHER  
Supervisor, 4-H Clubs.



G. S. BLACK  
Closely associated with the development of 4-H in Alberta  
from 1929 until his death in 1956. Named Supervisor,  
Junior Activities and Youth Training in 1946.



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## Course For Indian Students-1956

New ground was broken at O.S.A. in the spring of 1956, when courses for Indians were given.

On April 23rd approximately 50 young women and 70 young men arrived. It was a strange new experience for them but they quickly settled into the school life and spent a profitable nine and a half weeks.

The courses offered were specially designed to meet their needs and were kept on a very practical basis in keeping with the educational background of the students. Basically the entire program was similar to the regular winter courses. The young women studied Home Economics and the young men, Agriculture. Lits, dances, sports were carried on and the students experienced the responsibilities of student government.

While results were satisfactory it was decided not to continue the special course but rather to encourage Indian students to enroll in the regular courses.



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## A Tribute to O.S.A.

— by GEORGE N. CRAMPTON '47.



I went to public school in the days when big boys stayed home in spring and fall to work, so it took two years to get a grade. A young man who taught our country school fired me with ambition to attend an agricultural college. Though he kept in touch and continued to encourage me, circumstances prevented me from going and so I married and settled down to farming.

At the age of 36, in talking to my teacher, now the Field Crops Commissioner for Alberta, I expressed my regret at never having gone to Olds. Mr. Wilson replied "Don't regret it any longer. Your farm is a success, your family in school, your wife could go back to teaching and you could go this fall!"

I accepted this revolutionary idea and enjoyed two of the most rewarding years of my life. The entire program of the school was beneficial. We learned to work and play together. New horizons in farming were opened up by able instructors; the Little Royal, social, athletic and literary activities and dormitory life, all were a form of training.

With O.S.A. behind me I have been able to accept difficult executive positions, the most noteworthy of which is that of Secretary of the Provincial Seed Cleaning Plant Association. With my son the most active partner in a considerably expanded farm, I am able to travel the entire Province visiting Seed Plants. On almost every board there is one or more agricultural college graduates.

Our son, daughter and son-in-law are all V.S.A. graduates so we are promoters of both schools and proud to be graduates.

### SCHOOLS OF AGRICULTURE IN THE 50's AND 60's.

While we are almost too close to it to properly assess the change, it would appear that the late 1950's and early 1960's marked the end of one era and the beginning of another, a quite different era, in the life of the Schools of Agriculture in Alberta. A number of processes seemed to culminate with maximum impact on the schools during this period. Their combined effect points the way to new and broader approaches to vocational training in agriculture.

Among the many processes or factors we would include the following as most significant: the greatly enlarged rural community; the increase in size and decrease in the number of farms; the continued development of large, centralized public schools; the lack of close integration between the Schools of Agriculture and the public school system; the development opportunities in agriculture but off the farm; the offering of home economics programs in the public schools. In total these factors alone have affected profoundly the agricultural schools and pointed up the need for program changes.

Space does not admit elaboration but basic changes started in 1962 will be fully implemented in the fall of 1963. The term at all schools will be divided into terminal sessions of twelve weeks each. Specialization in farm training and for off-the-farm employment in agriculture will be possible. Specialized courses in Clothing and Commercial will replace Home Economics at Olds. It is felt that greater flexibility within courses to the benefit of the students and more effective use of facilities will result from these changes.



J. E. HAWKER  
Director

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## THE SCHOOLS OF AGRICULTURE IN THE THROES OF CHANGE

In the early 1950's the need for a review of the programs offered at Alberta's Schools of Agriculture and Home Economics was realized by the administration, former students and farm organizations. This was the subject of many discussions in the Board of Agricultural Education and briefs were presented to the Government and to the Cameron Commission on Education. The need for replacement of original buildings with new, expensive, more adequate structures raised the question of fuller use of facilities. The difficulty of retaining competent staff with low salaries and the need for transfer to other summer employment further emphasized the problems inherent in the existing system. Even more important than these factors was a questioning of the adequacy of the programs themselves. Enrollment in Home Economics was dwindling rapidly and a demand for changes in the Agriculture course was growing. Recognition of the specialized nature of modern farming and of the fact that farm-related occupations are increasing in number, was urged.

The government was loath to make decisions since there were differences of opinion as to the role the schools should assume. The Cameron Commission recommended that they should become Community Colleges for the areas in which they were located and the Fairview School operated from 19 to 1963 under that name. There were those in positions of responsibility who believed that all Vocational education should be centred in the high schools. Others felt that there was a need for one large post-high school Agricultural Institute. Gradually the problems were resolved and by 1962 basic decisions began to be made.

### A NEW PROGRAM EMERGES

In 1958 the salary situation was improved when instructors at Schools of Agriculture were placed under the same schedule as those at other government institutions and this schedule was brought in line with salary schedules for teachers generally. A new policy for professional improvement introduced by the provincial government added to the attractiveness of positions at the Schools of Agriculture and Home Economics.

On February 1st, 1960 a fire destroyed the old building used for agronomy and animal husbandry teaching. This led to the construction of a new plant science building which was officially opened on March 24th, 1962. At the same time a new livestock pavilion and dairy barn were officially opened. In 1963 greenhouses were added to the plant science building and a new metals shop was under construction. Other new buildings were in the planning stages.

Late in 1961 a staff committee at the Olds School of Agriculture began work on a new curriculum for Agriculture. In the ensuing months, meetings were held with the Superintendent and the principals. On May 18, 1962, authorization to proceed with the revised program was received.

## FROM O.S.A. TO O.A.V.C.

It is with feelings of regret and nostalgia that oldtimers see the name of the school change. The Olds School of Agriculture is Alma Mater to around 9,000 people and the name is known and respected from coast to coast.

The function of the school has changed and is continuing to change. Furthermore the question of her public image has had to be considered. The old name with all its prestige and fond memories no longer describes the new institution that is emerging.

We believe that the Olds Agricultural and Vocational College will be a worthy successor to the Olds School of Agriculture and Home Economics. We also believe the name is more fitting for the more mature institution with its broader scope. It may be that the motto can remain the same and serve to link the old with the new. This must be decided.

### THE NEW PROGRAM IN 1962-'63

To implement the new program a tri-mester system was introduced. The school year to be 9 to 10 months in length and divided into three sessions of twelve weeks to three months each. In the first year, 1962-'63, courses for girls were operated for three sessions but agriculture only for two. In the fall of 1963 the full tri-mester program was implemented. Saturday morning classes were discontinued and students were permitted to go home at week-ends except for one week-end each month which was designated as an O.S.A. week-end, and for which students planned and carried out activities.

In the new program general Home Economics was discontinued but courses were offered for young women in Commercial and in Clothing and Design. The employment opportunities to which these courses led made them popular. Diplomas could be earned in nine months.

Agricultural subject material was reorganized to provide a more flexible program which would permit able students time to earn a diploma under this scheme became three twelve-week sessions. Students with less than a good grade XI require at least one additional session. Students intending to seek employment in farm-related occupations are counselled to take a major related to the type of employment he seeks. New subjects are under consideration to build an agra-business major. The assistance of industry is important in this.

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Vermilion Agricultural and  
Vocational College  
Vermilion, Alberta



# The Future of the Schools of Agriculture

Elsewhere in this publication reference has been made to the future of the Alberta Schools of Agriculture. Before we go on to the future we would certainly be remiss in not acknowledging the fine record of the schools in the past. No area of educational effort has earned greater respect in the minds of its graduates and the public. Since the schools were established, over sixteen thousand students have attended and of these over six thousand have received diplomas. The contribution of this group to the development of a stronger agricultural industry in Alberta and, indeed, beyond the borders of the province has been tremendous.

To project our thinking into the future we must look, if only briefly, at present developments in the program of the schools. At Olds in the 1962-63 term, courses were offered in two twelve week sessions with final examinations at the end of each. This will be extended to three sessions at Olds starting in the fall of 1963 and two sessions will be offered at each of the other schools. The greater flexibility of the new system will allow for both general and specialized training. In addition, a new course in horticulture is planned for Olds leading to a diploma or certificate. A start has already been made in special courses for girls, as well as short courses for adults. We believe these changes will make the schools of still greater value to more rural young people and more effective in their total operation.

In spite of the fact that there has been a reduction in the number of farms in Alberta, obviously someone will continue to farm our soils. With fewer operators it is apparent that those who remain on the land should have the best training possible. It is essential that adequate facilities be available to provide the training that is required by young men and women who choose farming as their vocation. The Schools of Agriculture are designed for this purpose and it is our belief that they will continue to play a vital role.

R. M. PUTNAM

Deputy Minister of Agriculture



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Edmonton, Alberta

# Current Student Impressions of the New Program

## AGRICULTURE

As a member of the first class to register in the new program in Agriculture at O.S.A., I am pleased to have the opportunity to write about it for the Jubilee book.

The introductory session is very good giving students a broad picture of all aspects and problems of farming. It also improves our knowledge of English, Mathematics and Science so necessary in the more advanced subjects.

In our second session we received a great deal of specialized information and were able to choose a major. In the subjects where practical demonstrations using samples, materials, models and other such teaching aids were used, we found it easiest to learn and remember.

As a fairly new Canadian, I found the emphasis placed on money both disturbing and confusing. It seemed to be placed ahead of other, to me, more important values in life. If this is a Canadian attitude, I hope that the Olds Agricultural and Vocational College can help to change it in the years ahead.

In conclusion I can say that our college has much to offer. What we get from her depends on our own efforts.

## CLOTHING AND DESIGN

Just as the class of girls in 1913 pioneered in Home Economics our class this year in Clothing and Design is beginning a new era in a slightly more specialized field. The basis of this course is dressmaking and tailoring; included are related subjects such as clothing selection, pattern drafting, textiles, consumer buying, handicrafts and others. To add variety, courses in home nursing, horticulture and agriculture were offered in each session respectively.

We have had excellent experience in working and learning together, sharing our knowledge (whether it be good or bad) and then the climax of it all — displaying our completed projects on Achievement Day, March 30th, 1963.

Not only has this college been a place to learn and study but also one of social experiences. We have all made a great many very close friends with whom we share unforgettable incidents that undoubtedly happen in dormitories — especially co-ed dormitories! Inevitably our school year at O.A.V.C. has come to an end but our memories of it will be cherished forever.

## THE COMMERCIAL COURSE

The first Commercial class registered at O.S.A. in September of 1962 and graduated from O.A.V.C. in June of 1963. We were here during part of the transition period — a change of courses, a change to sessions and a change of names were introduced; more changes were planned.

Unlucky thirteen was the number taking this course — actually we were rather fortunate. Our class was small, therefore we received individual attention. With no tuition fees and low board and room charges, our costs were comparatively small. The school office provided practical experience for us and interest was induced by the variety of subjects given.

Dormitory life was "a ball" and a stepping stone into the life of being on our own. Study periods made us all work along with our play thus it raised our marks.

With hope of a good job and of a life together with the man of our life which many of us met here, we depart somewhat reluctantly — (life will never be like this again) — but with adventurous expectation and wonderful dreams!

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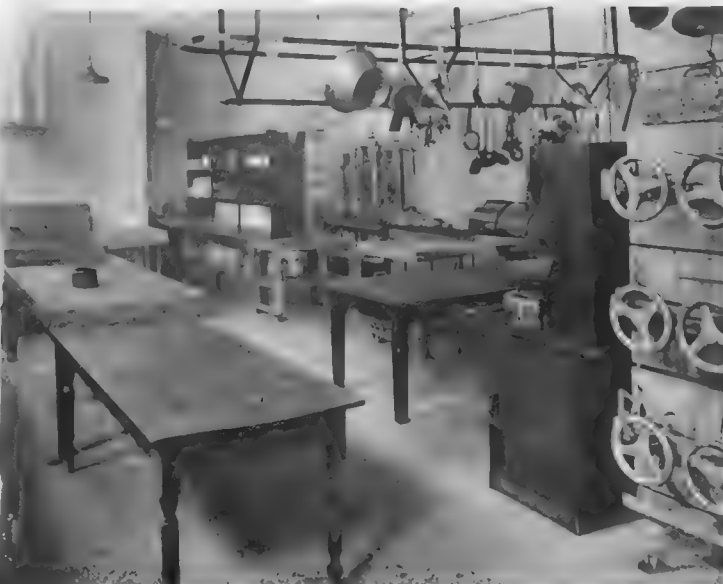
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# V.I.P. Week End

On February 23rd, O.S.A. began her Jubilee Celebrations with what was called a V.I.P. Week end.

A number of dignitaries and friends of the School were invited to attend a buffet supper and variety show, which was to be followed by a cabaret dance.

"Variety" was the theme of the evening, and the stage show ranged from a satire on pioneer days in the West – "Frontier Mortician" to a modern comedy staged by the Campus 4-H Club – "Newspaper Nightmare" ably supported in between by such acts as "Dem Bones" a dance in Black Light by the girls; the Martian Chipmunks; and solo songs by Sheri Burt and Ray Forbes; Hubert Pohl and John Davies. The show ended with the Glee Club's rendition of "The Man from Laramie," the Whiffenpoof Song, and the O.S.A. Song. Mrs. Oke accompanied at the piano.

Following a short interval, the dance commenced and this was highlighted by costumed dancers who demonstrated favourite dances, over the years from 1913 to 1963. Then, just before lunch came the "piece de resistance" – a huge and beautifully decorated birthday cake was wheeled in and fifty candles lit. All was anticipation when, at a signal note from the orchestra, out burst six screaming Can Can Girls from the cake, and to the tune of the well-known "Can-Can" enthralled the audience with their vivacious dancing and colourful costumes.

Elegant V.I.P.'s stood rooted to the spot, as "Les Girls" cavorted up the dance floor blowing kisses and tossing garters in their direction.

Half a century had passed – O.S.A. was becoming O.A.V.C., and her kin were celebrating!



"LES GIRLS"

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# Staff Reunion-1963

"A Wonderful Idea!" was the reaction of all who attended the staff reunion on the evening of August 1st. For the first time in the history of O.S.A. a special function for staff and former staff was held and was attended by about 125 people who were guests at a buffet supper and social evening.

Master of ceremonies, T. A. McBeath '24 kept the program moving and on an informal basis. Paper hats suitably designed and decorated to suit the personality of each individual were presented and each was the recipient of a souvenir pen inscribed to commemorate the Golden Jubilee and presented by the Alumni Association.

Principals present included Mr. F. S. Grisdale, Mr. F. N. Miller, Mr. C. E. Yauch and Mr. J. E. Birdsall. Mr. W. J. Elliott, the first principal is deceased and Mr. James Murray, who lives in Ottawa, was unable to be present. Other pioneer staff members and couples included Dr. J. Gordon Taggart, Miss Christine McIntyre, Mr. E. W. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Malyon, Mr. and Mrs. H. McPhail, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Parkinson, and Mr. Walter Benn.

Other well known employees who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson (Pa and Ma) and Peggy (Mrs. Art George), Mr. and Mrs. Pete Erickson, Mr. Charlie Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thrun, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Paxton and Mrs. E. Ringrose.

Reminiscences by Mr. Grisdale and other pioneer staff brought out many humorous incidents of the past while a grand March was held in memory of Mr. Elliott, who started every dance with one.

To many, the staff reunion was the highlight of the jubilee celebrations and will not soon be forgotten.

## Golden Jubilee Celebrations

The culmination of several months planning came on Friday, August 2nd, when the jubilee celebrations and alumni reunion were held. Even the weather co-operated to make it a very successful event.

At noon over 300 people were served a delicious buffet luncheon by the Dietitian, Miss Thelma Graham, and her staff.

A plaque and cairn erected by the Alberta Department of Agriculture was unveiled by Hon. Harry E. Strom, Minister of Agriculture. Through his address and the inscription on the plaque, the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the school, the change of name to Olds Agricultural and Vocational College and the efforts of the founders and pioneers were commemorated.

An impressive ceremony took place at the Plant Science Building when a plaque presented by the Alumni Association was unveiled in memory of Arthur T. Kemp, Horticulturist and Botanist from 1942 - '48. Mr. Duncan Hargrave '29, gave the tribute to Mr. Kemp following which the plaque was unveiled by Dr. Gavin Kemp, eldest son of Mr. Kemp, himself a horticulturist. A corsage was presented to Mrs. R. T. Kemp, the former Dorothy Houston who served the school as instructress in Home Economics and Librarian.

A Memorial prayer in memory of all of those associated with the school who had passed on was fittingly given by Rev. H. E. Hunt '38.

A large barbecue with about 800 people being served, was carried through in short order. A number of graduates donned chefs' hats and demonstrated their dexterity in carving.

The evening program included the annual meeting which included the election of officers and the adoption of a new constitution. The classes of 1913-15, 1923, 1938 and 1953 were honored on their respective anniversaries.

Guest speaker was Dr. J. Gordon Taggart, who was capably introduced by Mr. F. S. Grisdale, M.B.E.

Music provided by the Lord Strathcona Light Horse Military Band highlighted each event of the afternoon and evening. Walter's All-tones provided the music for the dance which was held in the Mechanics' Building. For the occasion a floor had been laid and the building colorfully decorated with large strips of red and white polyethylene.

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# Dedication of Kemp Memorial

Presented by P. D. Hargrave, Aug. 2, 1963.

Today we are honouring Arthur Thomas Kemp, student, teacher, friend and father. Symbolically, in this remembrance, we think of him as a member of a group of administrators, teachers, and mentors; that are the real part of this old and new college. Arthur Kemp was a man, whom I feel, at all times believed in his fellow men and in their joint efforts to forward the ideals and aims for which they worked. Thomas Guthrie, I believe, said something about Arthur Kemp when he wrote, to quote: -

"I live for those who love me,  
For those who know me true  
For the heaven that bends above me,  
And the good that I can do;  
For the wrong that needs resistance,  
For the cause that lacks assistance,  
For the future in the distance,  
And the good that I can do."

Arthur Thomas Kemp, lecturer in horticulture and botany at the Olds School of Agriculture, was born in Droitwich Worcestershire, England, on April 7, 1889 of English parents. During his youth he received ten years of public school education followed by one-half year's technical school training.

Horticulturally, his applied training was received on estates in Britain, namely Impeney Mansion, Droitwich and Morberry Parks, Sussex, and his final working responsibilities were at Windsor Great Park, Windsor, England. As a young man he came to Canada in 1911 and found his first work as a grocer's assistant in the city of Calgary. His background of training soon took him to other fields and he spent a period of time at the Forestry Station, Indian Head, and at the Experimental Station, Lethbridge. He was a student at this college from 1914 to 1916 and as a sophomore it says of him in the Associated Schools of Agriculture Magazine "Arthur is an example to his class as

a worker, he goes to the bottom of everything which he hears along agricultural lines, he is conscientious in all his studies, but has a decided preference for field husbandry and horticulture. He is a keen "Y" man and as the capable secretary of the O. S. A. magazine, has shown considerable business acumen".

During this time he was secretary-treasurer of the Olds magazine staff, a member of the Y.M.C.A., and Chairman of the School Bible Study Committee.

Mr. Kemp enlisted with the University of Alberta Company, the 196th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force at Olds on March 29, 1916. His army number was 911383 and he attained the rank of Lance Corporal. He went to England in November of 1916 with the 196th Battalion and then to France on April 21, 1917. He served in France, in the field, with the First Canadian Mounted Rifles. He was in the engagements of Hill 70, of August 1917; Pashendale, October 1917; Amiens, August 1918. He received a slight wound during the engagement of November 4, 1917 and was severely wounded during the August 8, 1918 engagement at Amiens. At this time he received gunshot wounds to both legs and the right hand, his right hand ring finger being amputated in France. During these engagements he was gassed twice, most severely at Vimy. He and E.W. "Ted" Brunsden, classmate and comrade in arms, suffered through the most severe of these attacks together. Recovery was never complete and Art Kemp suffered as a result of these experiences through the whole of his remaining life. The late Colonel Strickland, and Art Kemp were together overseas and as student labourers at the Lethbridge Experimental Station.

He was returned to England on August 23, 1918 and coming back to Canada was honourably discharged at Halifax, Nova Scotia on July 17, 1919. Medals awarded to him for these services were the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.



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Returning to Alberta, Arthur Kemp registered in the Faculty of Agriculture as an undergraduate, presenting for his entrance qualifications a Diploma in Agriculture from the Olds School of Agriculture.

Each summer as an undergraduate Art Kemp returned to the School as plots man. He was granted his B.S.A. on May 12, 1922 and was appointed instructor of biology and horticulture at the Olds School of Agriculture on May 15, 1922. He served in this capacity, officially, until 1937. The Principals during this time were Mr. F.S. Grisdale, Mr. James Murray, and Mr. Fred Miller. He also knew Mr. W.E. Elliott who was principal during his studentship at Olds. The experiences of the First World War had left their mark and during the second world conflict Mr. Kemp lived each engagement over again. Due to failing health after 1944 he took on the work of Assistant District Agriculturist in the Olds area, in September of 1947. He died on March 27, 1948.

In 1922 there came to the School as a member of the staff, Miss Dorothy M. Houston, (Mrs. A.T. Kemp) with a B.Sc. in Household Economics from the Colorado State College, Fort Collins, Colorado. She remained on the staff until September 20, 1924. Active as Dean of Women, Dietician, and lecturer in Cooking and Nutrition this young lady had other ambitions. Mr. F.S. Grisdale - characteristically - noticed a girl and a boy walking in the moonlight on the campus, arm in arm. He was about to go out when he realized it was Arthur and Dorothy. These two young people were married in July of 1924. Their home was always closely linked with the School. Their three sons grew up in the environment of the School. The youngest, Mr. Wallace Kemp, is with the Caardian Caledonian Insurance Company, Calgary; Mr. Frank Kemp, Warrant Officer I, is with the Royal Canadian Air Force, Ottawa; and Dr. Gavin Kemp, following his father's footsteps, graduated from Olds in 1947, the University of Alberta in 1951 and received his Doctorate from the University of Minnesota in 1961. Now on the staff of the Canada Research Station in Horticulture at Lethbridge, he is with me today to aid in this ceremony of remembrance to his father. In 1951 Mrs. Kemp moved from the home in Olds to a lovely new home overlooking the Park in the City of Lethbridge. It was there that I sat with Gavin, his wife and his mother, having tea and discussed the days of their life at Olds and the work of their husband and father.

Besides this, his family, he had a much larger family, because all of us as young men and young women, of whom he remembered all of our names, felt very much a part of his life and he of ours.

Mr. Kemp always taught us in his philosophizing periods in classes, that to

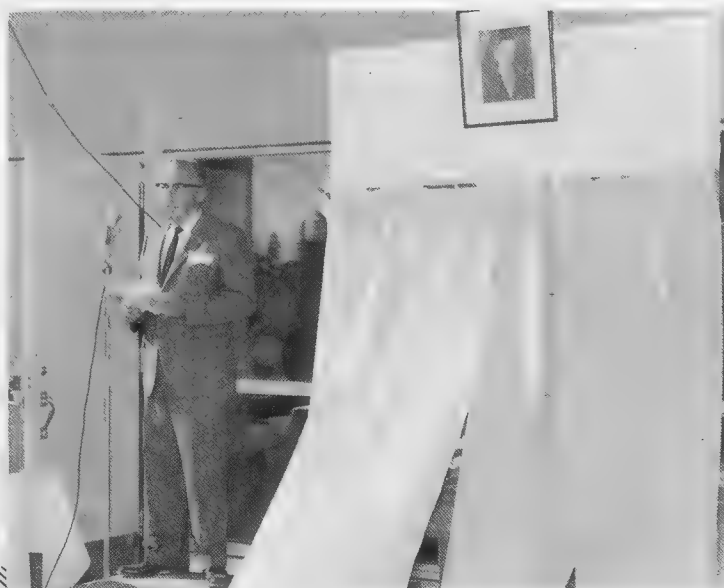
gain bountifully from life we must give bountifully. He set the superb example. In 1923 he was President of the Alumni Association. From 1924 he was Secretary of the Alumni Association and one of the driving forces of the Experimental Unions. It was through the Experimental Union that many people in Alberta learned to grow and know plants. The O.S.A. Magazine of 1924 says "The Secretary is Mr. A.T. Kemp, B.S.A. (Class '16) lecturer at the O.S.A. popularly known as "Skipper" to old acquaintances. As the duty of the Secretary is well known, nothing more need to be said, except that he is forever after members who, through neglect, have not joined the Association". True, and how persistent to his beliefs he was. He was a lay reader of the English Church and frequently took the pulpit on Sundays. Always active and interested in civic affairs, he was a member of the Olds School Board, and Past Master of Mountain View Lodge #16.

His sincerity, the twinkle in his eye and his dry humor, made every lecture, two lectures, one in the knowledge of horticulture and one in the philosophy of living. The fields in which he worked were open books, and he was able to translate, to we who sat before him, his knowledge of horticulture, botany, entomology, and field crops. His monument is the trees that surround us and it can be truly remembered of him that - to quote:

"He that planteth a tree is a servant of God,  
He provideth a kindness for many generations,  
And faces that he hath not seen shall bless him"

Co-workers on the staff remember him for his energy and his sincerity. Charlie Yauch remarked that Arthur Kemp was devoted to his work, had a passion for collecting all sorts of plants and had the respect and admiration of students. What nicer things could be said of a man with whom you worked than the few words spoken by Ed. Phillips when he said that Arthur Kemp was an extremely useful citizen and a great friend.

The numerous people attending short courses, and the casual visitor, will remember the School because of the endless, seasonal show of color against a background of trees and shrubs. Particularly the apple tree around the corner, the peony collection, the perennial border, the superb collection of lilacs, the apple orchard, the evergreen group, and the way their beauties and secrets were unfolded to them as they toured the grounds. All of these were ours too, because of our teacher and friend, devoted, persistent and untiring.



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## O.S.A. Deans

With the opening of the dormitory in 1927 the position of Matron (later Dean of Women) and that of Dean of Men was established. Over the years the people who have filled these positions have been key people in the institution. Through their influence on the students in the dormitories the school atmosphere has been greatly influenced. A well supervised dormitory has usually meant a happy school.

The Deans have usually carried other responsibilities such as teaching, serving as Dietitian or Nurse or directing the recreation program. In spite of this most found time to be mentor, confident and friend to all who came under their direction. Some found in the position a very satisfying career and through their dedicated service are held in great esteem by their "boys" or "girls" as the case may be.

On the girls' side two examples may be cited — Miss Lillian Rogers, 1930 to 1936 and 1940-46., and Miss Thelma Graham 1954-56 and 1962-63. Both filled the position of Dietitian as well as being in charge of the girls in residence.

Of the Deans of Men deserving of special mention are Mr. E. E. (Ed) Phillips 1934 to 1938, Mr. F. C. (Fred) Jorgenson, 1947-1956, Mr. E. E. Rogers, 1953 to 1958 and Mr. R. P. (Rip) Warrington, 1958 to 1963.

In paying tribute to these fine people we do so to all who served the school in this capacity.

(Picture taken at Jubilee plus picture of Col. Rogers).



O. S. A. DEANS AT THE STAFF REUNION  
W. Swift, E. Phillips, R. Warrington, F. Jorgenson



T. GRAHAM



E. E. ROGERS



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# Unveiling the Cairn

A tribute to 50 years of service of the Olds School of Agriculture and Home Economics was the unveiling on the campus on August 2, 1963, of the commemorative cairn by the Honourable Harry E. Strom, Minister of Agriculture. Inscribed in bronze are the words:

"ERECTED BY  
ALBERTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
TO COMMEMORATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE  
OLDS SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS  
THE CHANGE OF NAME TO  
OLDS AGRICULTURAL AND VOCATIONAL COLLEGE  
AND IN TRIBUTE TO  
THE FOUNDERS AND PIONEERS  
1913 - 1916"

In the unveiling ceremony Mr. Strom commended the men whose vision and initiative had made possible the building and maintenance of these schools. He paid tribute to the parents of those first students and spoke of their foresight in recognizing the opportunities the schools provided.

He spoke of the students of those early classes with their desire for learning and their thirst for knowledge. He praised the work of the first faculty members; their sympathy with and encouragement of the students in the tasks with which they were faced.

Mr. Strom then referred to the change of name from the Olds School of Agriculture and Home Economics to the Olds Agricultural and Vocational College. That change, he suggested, serves as a reminder that we must be prepared to make changes whenever necessary to conform to the needs of the times.

To all who have contributed to the progress and success of the school, he said, this cairn provides fitting recognition.

E. B. SWINDLEHURST, August, 1963.



The Unveiling by Mr. Strom



Hon. H. E. Strom and J. E. Birdsall



Lord Strathcona Horse Band

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# Address of Dr. J.G. Taggart



Past, present and future were viewed in a talk by Dr. J. G. Taggart at the Olds Agricultural and Vocational College on August 2nd. The occasion was the meeting of staff and alumni to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Olds School of Agriculture.

He was introduced by F. S. Grisdale, a fellow staff member of the schools of agriculture in those early years, and later a highly respected and well loved principal at both Vermilion and Olds. (It was heart-warming to see the standing ovation with which he was greeted as he rose to introduce Dr. Taggart).

In his opening remarks, Dr. Taggart observed that Mrs. Taggart was also on the Olds school staff in 1917-18 as instructor in household science.

**EARLY DAYS.** There were two groups of students in those early days, he recalled. They were pioneering days, and many of the students had been unable to continue their formal education. They were mature men, some of them older than their instructors, but through these schools they were given a second chance.

To some, it meant a better knowledge of the job they were doing. To others, it led to careers in scientific and administrative fields in agriculture—careers that would have

been closed to them without this new opportunity of furthering their education.

The second group, he noted, were much younger, but they too were boys and girls who lacked early formal education. To them as well, the opportunity to advance and develop mentally became wide open, and many took advantage of that opportunity.

It has been suggested that the students of those early years took their work more seriously, Dr. Taggart remarked. He felt, however, that later students also used their training to advantage, both of themselves and their communities. The students who came here came for a purpose, he said, and they have taken their work as seriously as any group associated anywhere.

**CHANGE.** As the years went by, the situation changed. Educational facilities opened up that were not available in early years. More recently, students coming to the schools of agriculture have had two or three years of high school training, and some of them could have gone directly to the university.

Dr. Taggart spoke of the advance of technology. Mechanization and improved techniques were to become essential elements in the expansion of agriculture. These changes, he suggested, were to a considerable extent foreshadowed in the beginnings of farm mechanics and farm engineering training at these schools.

He turned then to the need for increased technical knowledge and training on the part of people who follow this business of agriculture. He observed that with improved educational standing, and with increased demand for technical knowledge, it is natural that the scope of these schools should be broadened to give a wider range of knowledge to the students.

"I feel sure," he said, "that a better technical training with scientific background will be of use to graduates of this institution. I welcome the development that has now taken place in the policy of these schools."

**LOOKING AHEAD.** Looking forward, Dr. Taggart stressed the need for basic knowledge of life. He noted that knowledge of structure and function of the living cell is basic to both agriculture and medicine. He mentioned the co-operation between the researchers of these two professions, and their mutual interest in an understanding of fundamental life processes.

Biological sciences, he said, are fundamental to any understanding of the real process of agriculture. Skills obtained in a commercial school are valuable, but more valuable are the principles that underlie the agricultural industry. In development of the courses of study at these colleges we are recognizing that trend.

Dr. Taggart then spoke of the many research workers, now active in the field of agriculture, who have come from these schools. He felt sure that in future the colleges will give more opportunity to our young people who will make still greater contributions. He expressed confidence that the staff will be given wisdom to guide students for these fields of development.

**RECOGNITION.** Having given recognition to staff, students and the schools, we should now recognize the politician, he said.

It was a politician who conceived the idea and got his government to provide money to build and run these schools. He was a man of many qualities; he had vision and determination, and the will to drive the enterprise to a conclusion.

That man was the Honourable Duncan Marshall, Alberta's Minister of Agriculture from 1909 to 1921.

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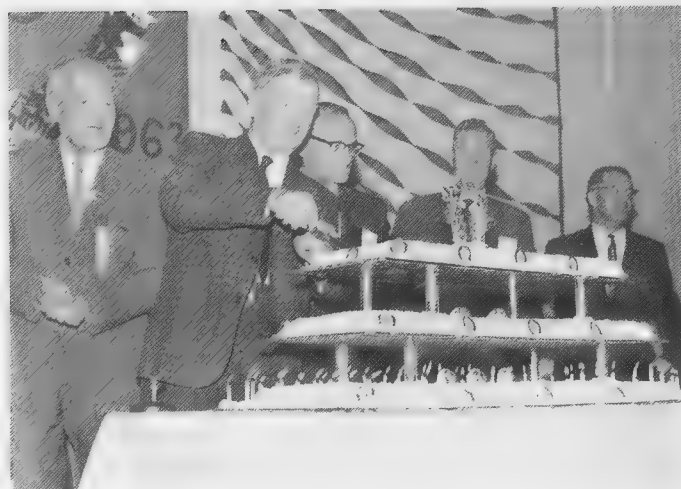
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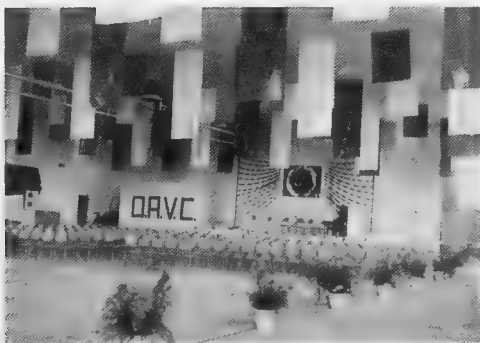


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## Epilogue

The preparation of Golden Echoes has been a rewarding experience. The editors have been impressed, as they delved into the history of O.S.A. over the past 50 years, with the energy, enthusiasm and accomplishments of staff and students as the school, its traditions and customs, were developed. It was also thrilling and a source of pride to discover the achievements of staff who moved on to greater things and of the great throng of distinguished alumnus. Among these we would number the farmers and housewives who have been successful in the best sense of the word; the professional men and women who have served agriculture so well; and those who moved into other fields of endeavour finding success and a chance to serve.

We are very grateful to those who contributed material for this book so willingly and capably. We appreciated their tolerance when what they wrote had to be reduced. There may be some who will not find their material in the book or to whom credit is not given. If left out, it is either an oversight or through lack of space. If no credit is given it is because, to fit the format of the book, it had to be changed greatly. We can only express our regrets and ask the forbearance of those who are disappointed.

We hope everyone who receives a copy of Golden Echoes will enjoy every page not only on the first reading but for many years to come. It is not intended to be a complete history of O.S.A. but rather a brief review giving the highlights pictorially and in print.

THE EDITORS.

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